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ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT ON ITALO-ABYSSINIAN PEACE TERMS



The sensational decision of Kwok Chun-hang, above, to return to Australia and not to go to the Berlin Games as was hoped will be found on page 4 of this issue.

AIR LINER CRASHES BELGIAN MACHINE WRECKED

ALL ELEVEN PERSONS ON BOARD KILLED

GRAPHIC TALE BY EYE-WITNESS

London, To-day.

A passenger airliner on the Brussels to London run crashed at Tastfield, Kent, last night, the machine being completely wrecked. All eleven passengers, including a crew of three, were killed. The dead include two Englishmen, one of them Sir John Carden.

The airliner belonged to the Belgian Sabina Air Line. It is understood that the Belgian State is the chief shareholder in the Sabina company. The pilot and three members of the crew were all Belgians. In addition to two British passengers, it is understood that the plane carried four Germans, two of them women, and one Belgian passenger.

WING HITS TREETOPS

Later: The crash occurred at the summit of Pitts Hill, near Bigginhill air station beacon. The machine was flying low, apparently because of an ice formation on the wings.

The people of the neighbourhood saw one wing crash into the treetops on a small hill. The wing appeared to fall and the machine staggered. The pilot apparently tried to gain height, but crashed and the machine was completely wrecked. Parts littered the woods for about 100 yards around.

An eye-witness related that he heard the noise of the crash and rushed out of the house. He saw a mass of crumpled fabrics and steel and assisted in getting some of the bodies out.

"We were able to get five out," he said. "One woman was decapitated and the other occupants were badly crushed by portions of the machine." The well-known engineer-designer of Carden aero-engines also participated in the design of army tanks. —Reuter.

FINLAND TO PAY DEBT INSTALLMENT TO U.S.A.

Helsinki, To-day. —The Finnish Government has notified the United States Government that it will pay promptly the installment on the debt service due on December 15, 1935. —Trans-Ocean Service.

SILVER MARKET COLLAPSE U.S. TREASURY STOPS BUYING ORDERS OFFICIALS REFUSE TO COMMENT

London, Today.

The events in yesterday's silver market are explained to Reuter by silver circles as follows:—

The offerings were more or less considerable, following the attitude adopted by the United States Treasury on Monday. After meeting at the usual time the brokers decided to suspend the session, hoping that America would send buying orders for all the offerings.

On resumption they found that the Treasury, despite repeated appeals, was not prepared to absorb the offerings but only to buy a limited amount, estimated at one-seventh of the total, at a rate lower than Monday's. The brokers had no alternative but not to fix prices owing to the rule that all offerings must be absorbed for the fixing of prices.

Well-informed outside quarters intimated that the greater part of the offerings were for forward silver. It was understood that America was willing to buy 2,000,000 ounces spot at 23½¢, whereas the brokers received selling orders for 5,000,000 ounces. The forward offerings were estimated to be in the region of 12,000,000 ounces.

Washington: In the temporary absence of Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Treasury officials yesterday refused to comment on the collapse of the London silver market owing to the lack of buyers, but it is learned that Mr. Morgenthau was fully informed of the situation, which brokers attribute to the absence of offers from the United States.

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New York Circles In Dark

NO OPINIONS VENTURED

New York, Later: Local silver circles are completely in the dark about the silver situation and decline to venture any opinion pending further developments.

It is understood that yesterday's Treasury bids on the London market were so ridiculously low as to preclude the fixing of the price of the metal in London.

Meanwhile, unless buyers are found on the New York market, there will be no price fixed for foreign silver in New York.

LOCAL INTEREST

New York, Later: With the Treasury apparently unwilling to show its hand, local observers are inclined to the view that the present impasse is a result of the Chinese attempts to acquire foreign exchange by heavy silver offerings in London.

It is felt that the problem involved is whether or not the Treasury shall "hold the bag" at a level convenient to Nanking and to the Hong Kong Government. —Reuter.

No Quotations Fixed Yesterday

London: The Silver Market was again disorganised yesterday. At the opening there was a slump in the cash quotation of fine silver to 29½d. per ounce, a fall of 2½/16d. from the previous day's price, whilst the three months forward price of fine silver was a nominal market.

After a suspension of dealings for two hours, on the being found that only a small amount was bid against selling orders for approximately 10,000,000 ounces, it was decided not to fix quotations for silver yesterday. —British Wireless Service.



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FIGHTING ENDS AT KUYUAN

Manchukuo Troops Still In Vicinity

Beiping, To-day.

A message from Kalgan states that fighting has ceased at Kuyuan, but Manchukuo troops are still facing Paoanin. The Paoanin casualties are stated to be 13 wounded, all of whom have been taken to Changpei for treatment. —Reuter.

S.W. LEADERS RETURN

Leaving Shanghai To-day

Shanghai, To-day.

The South-west members who attended the Kuomintang Congress are leaving for Canton this afternoon by the S.S. President McKinley. They include Messrs. Huang Chi-lu, Teng Chung-lang and Li Yi-an. Messrs. Lin Yun-kai, Lin Chi-wen and Chow Lu are remaining in Shanghai. —Reuter.



The American Army and Marine Corps are learning lessons in war from the Italian campaign in Ethiopia, with these men acting as their observers: (l. to r.) Maj. Norman Fiske, Army; Col. Pedro de Vallee, Marine Corps; Capt. John Meade, Army. Meanwhile, the General Staff in Washington is reported to be fighting the war on paper to benefit from the Italian and Ethiopian mistakes.

POLITICAL MANOEUVRE BY POWERS?

ROME AWAITS DEVELOPMENTS

Paris, To-day.

The optimism prevailing here since the announcement of the Franco-British agreement about the basis of the plan for the settlement of the Abyssinian conflict declined considerably yesterday. For though the press reports from Rome agree that Signor Mussolini is inclined to accept the Franco-British proposals as a basis for negotiations, at which he would try to get still further concessions, the news from London seems to confirm the fear of far-reaching differences inside the British Cabinet itself.

NEW COMMUNIST SLOGAN

"Going North To Fight
The Japanese"

NOW NATIONAL HEROES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

We're going North to fight the Japanese; so give us your support. This was the slogan of the Communists in Western Hunan when they broke through the cordon of Government troops and escaped into Kweichow.

They have made sugar-coated promises to the villagers along the Hunan-Kweichow borders that they are going to Hopen "to drive out the invaders and kill the bogus autonomists." Such publicity overnight turns the once-fearful Reds into national heroes, and gullible but patriotic peasants are giving rice and winter clothes to the outlaws.

Nanking troops in Kweichow claim that the Communists have retreated to Western Hunan, but in view of the conscription the whereabouts of the marauders is not exactly known. Press reports state that their total strength is about 30,000 men, with 15,000 rifles, some machine guns and big swords.

A semi-official report says that the Reds have returned to Hung Kiang in South-western Hunan. They have considerable rice, as they have just harvested the crops.

WEATHER REPORT

The anticyclone has increased in intensity and covers China and the neighbouring seas. Pressure is highest over Mongolia. North-east winds fresh, fair generally, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

ONLY FIRST STEP ON DIFFICULT PATH

EDEN OUTLINES THREE
MAIN PRINCIPLES

SUBMISSION TO LEAGUE BEFORE
PUBLICATION

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons the Labour members insisted on a division against the Address, as a protest against the reported Paris peace proposals, but the motion was defeated by 281 votes to 139. Mr. Anthony Eden previously described the press reports as most inaccurate.

The principle that any proposals must be acceptable to the League, Italy and Abyssinia remains the policy of the British Government, declared Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons, replying to Labourite criticism on the reported Paris proposals.

Mr. Lees-Smith, the spokesman of Labour, had declared that if only half of what had been reported was correct it was a contradiction of the League Covenant and the abandonment of the foundation on which the Government had fought the election.

Mr. Eden, replying, again affirmed the afore-mentioned statement of policy and emphasised that the Paris proposals were only the first step in a long and complicated enterprise. He said that the three main principles on which the proposals were based were:—

- (1) An exchange of territory definitely advantageous to both;
 - (2) League assistance towards Ethiopia for the purpose of social, economic and administrative developments;
 - (3) Special facilities for Italian settlers and companies in connection with economic developments.
- Mr. Eden described many press reports as mutually contradictory. He said it was impossible at present to publish the proposals. It would be unprecedented to publish them before they were communicated to the principals or the League.

DEVONPORT SABOTAGE CASES CONFIRMED

London, to-day.—An Admiralty statement confirms that two cases of sabotage occurred on the submarine Oberon and the battleship Royal Oak at Devonport. It adds that enquiries are proceeding, and it is not in the public interest to make a statement at present. —Reuter.

NO QUESTION OF FORCE

"We have never said that either party must accept the proposals," he continued. "We are not seeking to impose them on anyone. We were charged to find by communications with the parties concerned whether it was possible to find a basis on which the peace negotiations should be possible. If the proposals are contrary to the principles of the League Covenant it is for the League to say so. If it does we shall not complain."

"We are ready to accept its judgment, just as we have been ready to take our part in this unwelcome task. I go to Geneva tomorrow because the policy of the British Government remains based on membership of the League. I shall seek with my colleagues from many countries to determine the best course to establish peace and maintain the authority of the League."

AGREEMENT CONFIRMED

Paris: It is confirmed that agreement has definitely been reached on peace terms satisfactory to the British Government. —COMPROISE ACKED UPON Paris, Later: The Hoar-Laval peace terms were transmitted to Rome and Addis Ababa last night. It is believed that the British representatives asked for a clear-cut decision by machine-gun fire. —Reuter.

GIFT OF GOLD FROM AIR MINISTRY

60 Kilogrammes Taken
At Fete In Rome

POST SACRIFICES ALL
DECORATIONS

—CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

Some 60 kilogrammes of gold to help the cause of the fatherland in the Abyssinian conflict was collected yesterday in all parts of Italy during the celebration of the fete of the Madonna of Lorette, the Patron Saint of airmanship. The Under-Secretary for Aviation handed the gold contribution from officials of the Ministry and the aviators of Italy to the capital.

The Italian post, D'Annunzio, whom the Italian people regard as the conqueror of Fiume, has accepted all his gold medals and orders to the cause of his country. Among the collection sent to Signor Mussolini is the Grand Cross of a British Order conferred on him during the war.

CLASH NEAR ADDI ENCATO The 6th Italian war bulletin states that on the Eritrean front the Italian sections at the Talazze River and the neighbourhood south of Addi Encato came into collision with a group of armed Abyssinians, whom they dispersed with a bayonet charge, leaving 15 dead, while the Italian losses were two native non-commissioned officers and five Askaris killed. —Trans-Ocean Service.

declaration from France that the proposals must be acceptable to the League and the Negus as well as to Italy. The agreement reached gave satisfaction to the British Government.

According to one French source the modifications finally agreed upon comprise involving a considerable diminution of the territory in Tigre to be conceded to Italy and a modification of the Italian rights in the territories proposed to be thrown open for colonisation, but retaining under the sovereignty of the Negus. —Reuter.

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BROADCASTING STATION DESTROYED

Havana, Cuba, To-day.—Political opponents presented Fidel Castro, Menditegui from giving his proposed radio interview for the American Radio Conference by destroying the broadcasting station asked for a clear-cut decision by machine-gun fire. —Reuter.

MAIL SCHEDULES

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Singapore-Australia

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Ranchi Dec. 13
Aeneas Dec. 16
Athos II Dec. 17
Tanalua Dec. 19
Pres. Hoover Dec. 19

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Behar Dec. 11
Santania Dec. 11
Carthage Dec. 12
Calchas Dec. 15
Van Hout Dec. 17

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. McKinley Dec. 13
Pres. Hoover Dec. 19

FROM MANILA

Potadam Dec. 10
Changte Dec. 10
Troilus Dec. 11
Emp. of Russia Dec. 11
Kamo Maru Dec. 19

FROM AUSTRALIA

Dec. 12

FROM JAPAN

Ranchi Dec. 13
General Lee Dec. 13
Pres. McKinley Dec. 13
Malacca Maru Dec. 16
Buenos Aires Maru Dec. 18
Pres. Hoover Dec. 19

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Emp. of Russia (via Van-couver) Dec. 12
Carthage (via Siberia) Dec. 13
Ranchi (Imperial Service) Dec. 13
Closes: Reg. 9 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.
Aeneas (via Marseilles) Dec. 16
Athos II (Air Orient Service) Dec. 17
Closes: Reg. 8 a.m. Ord. 9 a.m.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Ranchi Dec. 13
Yuen-sang Dec. 14
Aeneas Dec. 16

FOR MANILA

General Lee Dec. 13
Pres. McKinley Dec. 13
Changte Dec. 17

FOR AUSTRALIA

Changte Dec. 17

FOR JAPAN

Emp. of Russia Dec. 12
Pres. Doumer Dec. 13
Rakuyo Maru Dec. 17

FOR U.S.A.

Emp. of Russia Dec. 12
Rakuyo Maru Dec. 17

FOR SHANGHAI

Emp. of Russia Dec. 12
Carthage Dec. 13
Pres. Doumer Dec. 13

RAIN BRINGS
NEW STYLES

(Continued from Col. 5)

A snake-skin cape and snake-skin brimmed hat were more novel than attractive. So are berets and bags of fish and frog-skin. Frog-skin looks like green satin when made up.

WOMEN'S PAGE

THE BEST USE OF
TRANSFERSHints For Women
Who Embroider

If the best use is to be made of transfers, not only should various precautions be taken in the ironing off, but first of all the question of the design itself should be considered. Too often the transfer is dumped down as it stands, whereas, since it was not designed for the special purpose, it is probable that slight alteration and adjustments will give much better results. Supposing it is a bunch of flowers we plan to use for a tea-cosy; as likely, as not, by the time it is worked it will look too heavy, too solid for our liking. But a judicious snipping-out of a spray here, or the thinning-out of a flower cluster there, will make all the difference. We may, perhaps, be able to make use of some of the little starry flowers that we have cut out as a powdering pattern to be used at regular intervals on the background material, but anyway we shall have a design more fitted to our particular needs.

Use Damp Cloth

Before the transfer is pinned—better still, tacked—in place a test should be made by cutting off the number and seeing how it irons off on a scrap of the material. If it comes off badly, it will probably be that the surface of the stuff is too rough, in which case it should be pressed, with a damp cloth between it and the iron, before attempting to mark off the transfer. It may be, of course, that the iron is not sufficiently hot, but his is a fault on the right side, as too hot an iron may, in the case of artificial silk, be bad for the material as well as causing the lines of the design to spread too much. Should the out-liners show through the stitching when the work is finished, methylated spirits can be used to remove them, the material first being damped with it and then lightly rubbed with wads of cotton wool soaked in it. But it is an awkward job, and certainly a case of prevention being better than cure.

VIA SIBERIA—Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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Furless Coat Gets Approval

GRACEFUL NECK
REQUISITE

Charm And Poise

A graceful neck—smooth and white, with no lump at the back—is one of the first requisites of charm and beauty. The woman who holds her head high with chin up—not pulled in or thrust forward—looks well in any type of dress and has self-assurance that makes other conscious of her charm and poise.

Furthermore, correct neck posture is extremely important to health and physical comfort. When the upper vertebrae of your spinal column are curved forward, circulation to the brain is hindered somewhat and, of course, muscles will become cramped and uncomfortable causing aches and pains in the back of your neck. As you undoubtedly know, an aching neck can spoil the best disposition, not to mention the frown lines and worried look that go with it.

Hold Head High

To alleviate a curve and the lump which detracts from your appearance, get into the habit of holding your head as though you were being pulled upward. Stand with arms at your sides and make believe a wire, fastened to the ceiling, is tied to a lock of hair in the centre of your head. Imagine that the wire is pulling your head up, up, up. If necessary, place your hands just behind your ears and let them share the work of the imaginary wire. If you do this correctly, your neck will straighten out and the little lump will disappear.

If you are serious about having a lovely neck sleep without a pillow and choose clothes which have no back-of-the-neck trimming which tends to make you

Cheap Pelts Ruin
The Dress

THE AFTERNOON COAT

Paris: Although fur trimmings are used lavishly this fall, a woman need not worry just because her coat is furless. As a matter of fact, on a good many new models furs were used merely to underline a feature of cut and as a contrast to the fabric instead of as a sumptuous trimming without fur than one decorated with cheap pelts.

The winter day coat silhouette is definitely stylized this season, stressing wide and rounded shoulders, an easy-fitting bustline, form-fitted hips, and nearly always completed by a belt of the same fabric. The lower portion of the garment hangs straight, but never excessively narrow, thus accentuating the importance given to the top of the silhouette.

Flat Trimmings

Fur collars either hug the neck of favour the shawl—cut in contrast to the flat trimmings of last winter. When used, the fur trimming is almost always repeated on the sleeve, sometimes forming the lower half of or, in the more formal models, the entire sleeve.

Women will appreciate the return of the dressy afternoon coat, so practical because it can do double duty for formal afternoon engagements and informal restaurant dinners. For this type of coat, black remains the favorite colour, especially as the mode this season sponsors the coloured touches on a black dress, which relieve the sobriety of the all-black ensemble.

walk with your head thrust forward.

Rain Brings
New StylesPowder Puff In
Gloves

Heavy rains and grey skies in Paris have brought out new rain-proof coats and hats. Some of them are made of fish-skin and snake-skin.

At the races recently a white rubber "swagger coat" and close-fitting turban to match were much admired.

Instead of carrying a handbag, the wearer of this outfit had one fitted into the pocket of her coat. One of the gauntlets of her white rubber gloves had a small pocket for powder puff and handkerchief.

Another woman had a red oil-skin swagger coat. With it she wore a red oil-skin beret, and had a small bag attached to the handle of her bright red umbrella.

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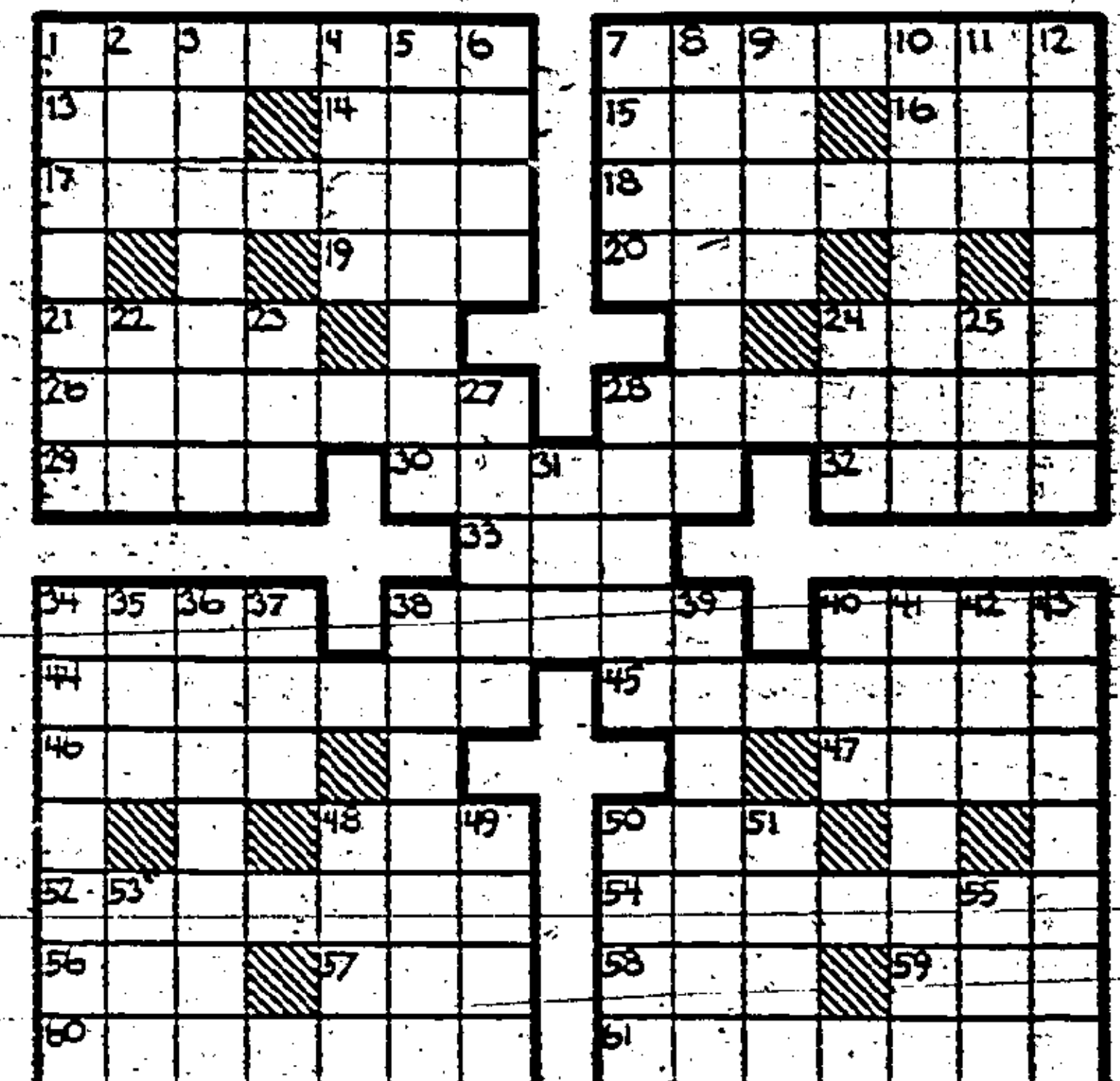
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1—Forever
7—Tripled
13—Japanese coin
14—Each
15—A fish
16—Metric land measure
17—Trappers
18—Ornamental wall-brackets
19—Residence (abbr.)
20—Weight measure
21—Makes lace
24—A dentist's drill
25—Those who run away and marry
26—By the hundred
29—Girl's name
30—More lucid
32—Makes a mistake
33—Kitchen utensil
34—Confere
35—Traverses on horse-back
40—Altar end of a church
44—Served scantily
45—Enigma
46—Dispatch
47—Part for two

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

48—Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries (abbr.)
50—Ocean
52—Approaching
54—On the way
56—Small bed
57—Project out
58—Playing card
59—Book of the Bible (abbr.)
60—Foes
61—Flat canopy over a bed (pl.)

VERTICAL

1—Landed properties
2—Territory (abbr.)
3—One who enacts a law
4—Never (cont.)
5—Behindhand in payments
6—Young girl
7—Examine
8—Reclaim
9—East Longitude (abbr.)
10—A varnish
11—Before

VERTICAL (Cont.)

12—Forsaken
22—Southern State of U. S. (abbr.)
23—Mineral spring
24—Bachelor of Civil Engineering (abbr.)
25—Royal Naval Reserve (abbr.)
27—Savory
28—Man's name
31—Bow the head
34—Perfume
35—Corroded
36—Toruous
37—Terminator
38—Cortege
39—Quiet
40—Augment
41—Feather having the ends soft and free
42—Look
43—Values
48—British archipelago in Pacific ocean
49—Agents (abbr.)
50—A rest
51—Greek god of war
52—Easterly
55—Sailor

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

SEND YOUR FRIENDS AT HOME



AND WHEN YOU GO HOME KEEP IN TOUCH
THROUGH

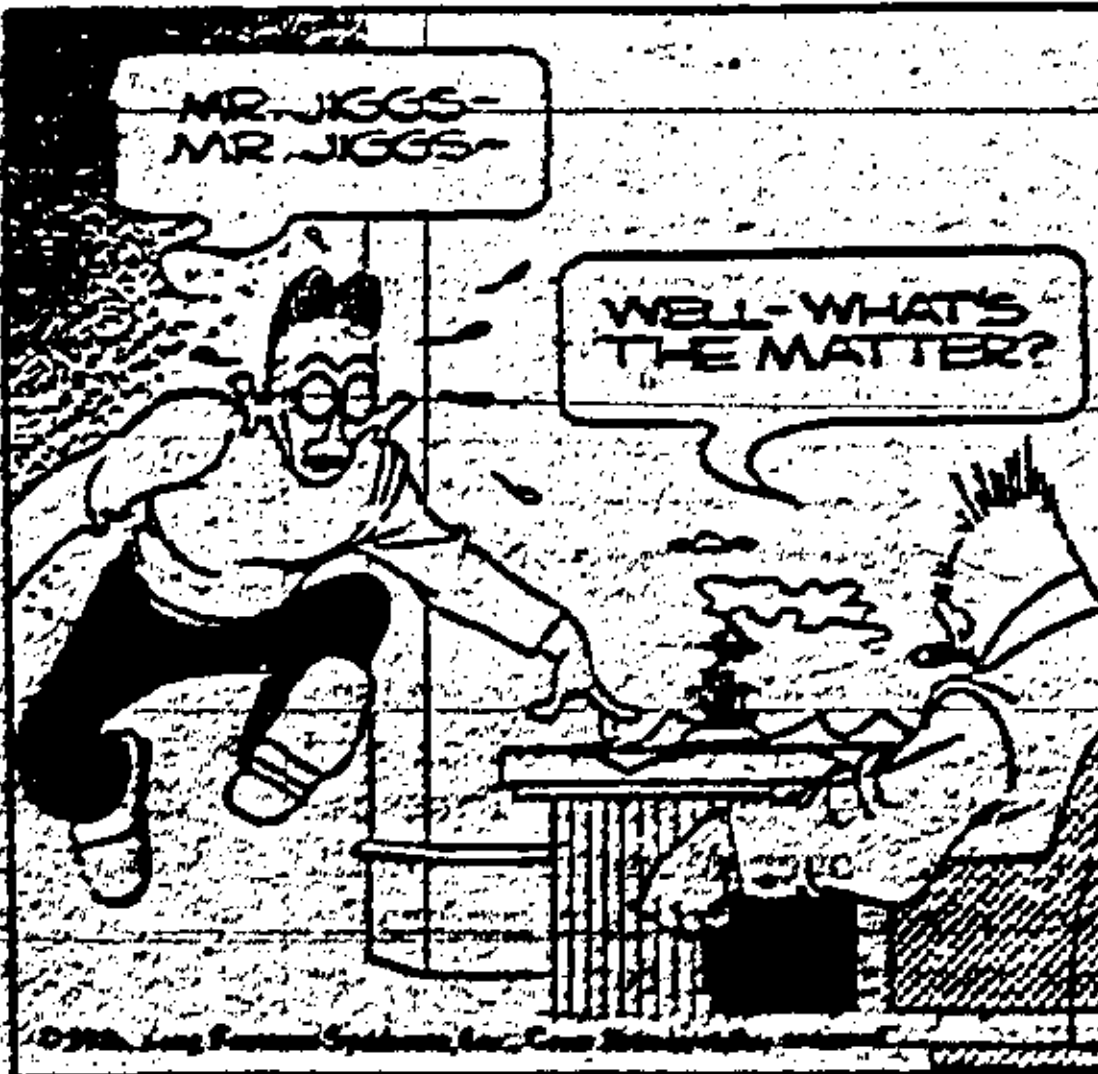
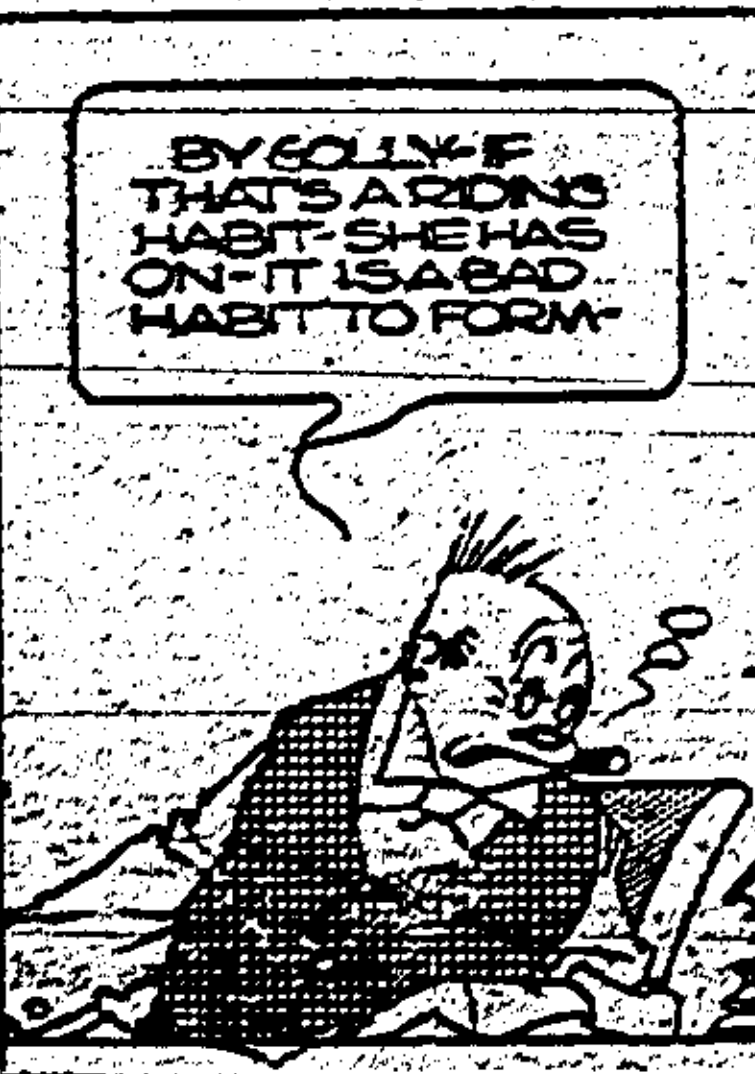
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WATER SUPPLIES
OF COLONYRainfall Much Short
Of AverageBENEFIT OF SHING MUN
ALREADY SHOWN

The monthly water returns issued by the P. W. D. for the month of November show a total storage on the island of 1,997.99 millions as against 2,049.05 millions for the corresponding month last year. Tytam Tuk with 1,180.34 millions is well below, and Aberdeen Upper reservoir with 153.99 millions is above, the content in November, 1934.

The consumption of water in the city and hill districts shows that an estimated population of 426,800 consumed 313.93 millions (including 57.41 millions from the mainland), making a rate of 2.45 gallons per head per day. This compares with a consumption of 339.10 millions (including 57.52 million gallons supplied from the mainland) by an estimated population of 390,500 at a rate of 2.85 per head for November, 1934. Island Villages received an additional 11.87 millions last month.

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NOTICE

THE PUBLIC RECEPTION TO H. E. SIR ANDREW CALDERCOTT K.T., C.M.G., C.B.E., will take place at the Volunteer Headquarters on the 12th December 1935, at Noon.

AN ADDRESS OF WELCOME to His Excellency will be presented by the Honourable Sir Henry Pollock K.T., K.C., LL.D., and the Honourable Sir Shouson Chow K.T., LL.D., on behalf of all residents of the Colony of Hong Kong.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE PRESENT. Special provision has been made in case of wet weather.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER RECREATION CLUB
Members and Friends are advised that on:

XMAS CARNAVAL DANCE
will be held at King's Park on SATURDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 9 p.m.

Mrs. Nura Lania's Orchestra will provide the music.

SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FOURTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1935, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.
By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 9th December, 1935.

BRIDGE NOTES

Choice Of Four-Card
Suits

By Ely Culbertson

When your hand contains two four-card biddable suits, and the necessary three honour-tricks which justify an opening bid, you have a choice of suits in which to make your opening bid. Your choice should usually be decided by the Principle of Preparedness. That is, you must visualise your partner's possible responses, and be prepared to show your second suit on a later round without having to bid to a dangerously high level.

When you have a four-card spade suit and a four-card club suit, in a hand such as:
Spades A K x x
Hearts J x x
Diamonds x x
Clubs A J 10 x
your proper opening bid is one club. You will notice that if your partner responds with one heart or one diamond, at your next opportunity to bid you can bid one spade. Now you have shown both suits, yet the bidding is still at the level of one. Likewise, with a heart suit and a club suit, you would bid one club; if your partner's response is one spade, you can bid one notrump.

But with other combinations—such as the South hand in the deal below—the higher ranking suit should be bid first. You will notice that South, in to-day's hand, has biddable spade and diamond suits, and makes an opening bid of one spade.

When Not To Hold-Up
South fulfilled his three-notrump contract on the deal below by making a play which I am certain would have occurred to but few people.

South Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH:
S-10 9
H-A 7 5
D-Q 7 4
C-A K 7 6 5

WEST:
S-K 6 4
H-K 10 8 6 4
D-9 5
C-Q J 8

SOUTH:
S-A Q J 7
H-J 9 2
D-A K 6 3
C-9 3

EAST:
S-5 3 2
H-Q 3
D-J 10 8 2
C-10 4 2

The bidding: (Figure after bid refers to numbered explanatory paragraph).
South West North East
1S Pass 2C Pass
2NT Pass 3NT (1) Pass
Pass Pass
1-Conservative. North might have made some slight slam try, but there was no bid available to him which would not take the bidding beyond the three level, and a slam, though possible, seemed remote.

The Play
West opened the heart six, and declarer, after a few moments of careful deliberation, made the most unusual play of going up with Ace in dummy.

Reading the opening lead of the six-spot as a fourth-best, South applying the Rule of Eleven knew West had only one card higher and this was probably the King or the Queen assuming these high honours to be split. Had West held the King-Queen, he probably would have opened the King rather than the fourth best.

Marking East with one of the high honours was only the first step. If the suit were divided 5-2, there would be no point to holding up the Ace to cut off the opponents' communications as the spade finesse had to be taken into the dangerous West hand.

After winning the heart Ace declarer led the spade ten, and lost it to West's King. The defence was helpless. West, hoping to find his partner with three hearts, led a low one which East won with the Queen, but the latter could not put his partner back in the lead again.

Declarer made three spade tricks, a heart trick, three diamond tricks and two clubs, fulfilling his contract.



An artist's impression of Gary Cooper and Anna Sten, who will be seen in the Samuel Goldwyn production "The Wedding Night," now showing at the King's Theatre.

UNIVERSITY ARTS
ASSOCIATIONProduction of "Lady
Precious Stream"

PRESENTATION NEXT MONTH

The Hong Kong public will have the opportunity early next month of seeing one of the outstanding plays of the year. We refer to "Lady Precious Stream" which will be produced by the Hong Kong University Arts Association, under the direction of Mr. B. G. Birch, M.A., in the University Great Hall, by kind permission of the authorities, on Saturday January 11 at 9.15 p.m. Advance bookings open at the King's Theatre on Friday, December 27.

"Lady Precious Stream" is an old Chinese play done into English according to its traditional style by Dr. S. I. Hsiung. It was first presented to the West by Dr. Hsiung at the Little Theatre, Strand, London, and has met with phenomenal success, reaching its 300th performance in September. The play will go on tour in the Provinces next year, taking in Bourne-mouth, Southsea, Oxford, Nottingham, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh. It is also running at the principal theatre in Amsterdam, and contracts have been signed for its production in 1936 in Norway, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Austria and Hungary. Dr. Hsiung said "They all want me to supervise the production, which must be in the traditional Chinese style. But how can I be in so many places at once?" He made a special trip to New York for its production last month and has also been arranging for a production in France.

Original London Cast
The original London cast in the presentation by the People's National Theatre, included Esme Percy as the Prime Minister, Louise Nampton as his wife, Andrew Leigh as Su, the Dragon General, Morris Harvey as Wei, the Tiger General, Golden Stream being taken by Mary Casson, Silver Stream by Vera Leacock and Precious Stream by Maudie Darrell, with Roger Livesey as Hsieh Ping-Kuei.

Prices of admission for the coming performance have been fixed at \$2, \$1 and 50 cents. In addition to the performance on January 11, there is to be a special performance for the senior classes of schools on Friday, January 10, at 6.30 p.m. at the reduced rate of 50 cents for all seats. Heads of Schools who have not yet received a circular on the subject should communicate with the Hon. Business Manager, c/o T. A. Martin & Co., Third Floor, Hong Kong Stock Exchange Building.

tricks in hearts. South's play would work against any heart division except five to the King-Queen in the West hand and the ten-small held by East. With any other distribution the contract is fool-proof, on South's line of play.

estimating, of course, the possibility of West's opening lead being from a short suit.

UNEMPLOYMENT
IN GERMANYUNDER 2-MILLION
MARK

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

At the end of November the number of unemployed registered at the labour exchanges was 1,985,000, according to the report of the Reich Institution for Labour, this number being \$70,000 less than at the same date last year. Even in November 1933, when the German labour market was the busiest since the end of the war, there were 2,000,000 more unemployed than now.

The increase in the number of unemployed in November 1935 was 156,000, and this increase, being chiefly seasonal, was due to the suspension of outdoor work owing to the approaching winter.

—Trans-Ocean Service.

TO-NIGHT'S CHOIR
CONCERT

Full Programme

A concert is being given to-night at 9.15 p.m., in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, by St. Andrew's Choir. The programme is as follows:

1. Choir: "Songs in a Farm-house." Soloists: Mrs. E. St. G. Kirke and Mr. R. Dormer.
2. Songs: (a) "Big Lady Moon"; (b) "Wait." Mrs. W. H. C. Robson.
3. At the piano: Mr. C. D. Bartlett.
4. Boy-chorists: (a) "Where'er you walk"; (b) "Where the bee sucks."
5. Song: "Laughing Cavalier." Mr. C. W. E. Bishop.
6. Choir: (a) "Two Sea-shanties" (Shantynan—Mr. C. W. E. Bishop); (b) "Round."
7. Male Voices: (a) "Rolling down to Rio"; (b) "An evening, lullaby."
8. Songs: (a) "Barcarolle"; (b) "St. Nicholas Day." Mrs. E. St. G. Kirke.
9. What to do when voices break: Masters P. Burn, L. Gibson, and Mr. R. Baldwin.
10. Song: "The Floral dance." Mr. C. W. E. Bishop.
11. At the piano: Mr. C. D. Bartlett.
12. Choir: "Worship."

PRESIDENT IN LONG
CONFERENCE

Madrid: The President of the Republic conferred with the leading personages of the various parties about the formation of a new Cabinet until late on Monday evening.

The negotiations, which were continued yesterday, showed that the left are demanding the dissolution of the Cortes Government and new elections, while the right are in favour of the maintenance of the present Cabinet. Government officials, however, have been stating in theory, rather than in fact, that they would not accept a

CONFUCIUS HALL
OPENEDThe Old Learning
And The NewFINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF
H.K. UNIVERSITY

The opening ceremony of the new Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill, was performed yesterday afternoon at four o'clock by the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who was handed a gold key by Mr. Kam Hung-chin, the donor of the beautiful new Lecture Hall.

Amid the firing of a string of crackers and the playing of a selection by the band of the Confucius Society the Secretary for Chinese Affairs declared the building open. The new building and its grounds were gaily decorated with flags and the hall itself was similarly decorated, a huge picture of Confucius surmounting the platform.

Those present on the platform included the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, the Hon. Dr. S. W. T'ao, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, the Hon. Mr. K. Lo, Dr. E. H. Kotelaw, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Tang Shing-kin, Mr. Li Yan-chuen, Mr. Kam Hung-chin, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Mr. Tam Shiu-hon, Mr. Wei Tat and others.

Mr. Kam Hung-chin, the donor of the Lecture Hall, speaking in Chinese, gave a brief review of the circumstances in which the establishment of a Confucius Memorial Hall and Lecture Hall had come about. He then called upon the Hon. Dr. S. W. T'ao, a Senior Chinese Member of the Legislative Council, to accept the Lecture Hall on behalf of the Chinese community.

The Hon. Dr. S. W. T'ao suitably replied and called upon the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith to speak. The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, after giving an appreciation of the great Sage and making some appropriate quotations from his writings, uttered a grave warning in regard to the main seat of Western learning in the Colony—the University, in the following words:

"At the moment when the completion of this Hall shows that the old learning is still revered here, and when the launching of the School of Chinese shows how that old learning can be kept a living thing, the University itself is, in spite of cuts and economies, in financial difficulties and it is hardly too much to say that the Colony in the next few years may have to decide whether or not it can still afford to have a University."

Two cases of diphtheria, one case of typhoid fever and one case of meningitis occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended last Monday.

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President remarked that he was in Hong Kong at the age of 19, and went to India, where he had a long connection with the Bombay Rotary Club and was particularly well qualified to speak on the subject of Rotary ideals.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 325 metres. (845 K.C.M.).

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5-8.15 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7.15 p.m.—Classical Studies played by Wilhelm Backhaus.

1. No. 7 in C sharp minor.
2. No. 9 in G flat major.
3. No. 11 in E flat major.
4. No. 10 in A flat major; No. 9 in F minor.

7.17-7.30 p.m.—From Foreign Lands (Moscow).
7.30-8 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Jazz Recital by Julian Silverio (saxophone) and Fred Caspe (banjo).

1. Hot and Bothered
2. Pottery
3. Get Rhythm in Your Feet
4. Mine Alone
5. Pickin' the Banjo
6. Ticklin' the Finger
7. Sugar Plum
8. Aunt Juliana's Birthday.
8 p.m.—Lock Time and Weather Report.

8.15-8.35 p.m.—Octet.
Hearts and Flowers (arr. Willoughby).
Good Company Medley (arr. Willoughby).

8.15-8.35 p.m.—From the Studio.
Programme.

Selections by "The Waikiki Trio."
1. Forward Kazemehcha.
2. Kamehameha Waltz.
3. Ranahehe Hotel.
4. Waikeke.

8.35-9 p.m.—"Speakeasy No. 8 in B minor" (Schubert) ("Unfinished").
9-9.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

9.15-9.30 p.m.—A Violin Recital by Fritz Kreisler.
1. Serenade—Espagnol (Spanish) (arr. Kreisler).

2. Jota (De Falla).
3. A May Breeze—"Songs without Words" (Mendelssohn, arr. Kreisler).
4. Londonerry Air (arr. Kreisler).

9.30-10 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Variety Concert:
by
Andrey Steel (Comedienne)
Ray Litter (Piano).

Rex I. Pedley (Baritone).
Doreen Ma (Accompanist).
Programme.

1. Piano Solo:
Romance Sans Paroles...Schatz.
Ray Litter.

2. Song:
It's an old Southern Custom.
Andrey Steel.

3. Song:
Smile Through.
Rex Pedley.

4. Piano Solo:
Cathay Tango.....Roth.
Ray Litter.

5. Song:
Dancing with my shadow.
Andrey Steel.

6. Song:
I Love you truly.
Fainings.

7. Piano Solo:
Two Guitars—Russian Gypsy Song.
Ray Litter.

8. Song:
Lullaby of Broadway.
Andrey Steel.

10 p.m.—Big Ben: Reuter Press Bulletin.
10.15-10.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

Loebstrasse (Liszt).
Kamennoi-Ostrov, Op. 10 No. 22 (Chopin).

Old Spanish Song (Anbert).
Initial Waterwoman (arr. Sowerby).
Princess Elizabeth (Green).

Amine (Lindis).
Desert Song Waltz (Rumberg).
10.55-11 p.m.—Dance Tunes of not-so-long ago.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

ROTARY MEETING

Rotary As Part Of
Education

Rotarian R. Raymond, from India, was the speaker at yesterday's 45th meeting of the Hong Kong Rotary Club in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. He suggested, in the course of his speech, the teaching of the principles of Rotary as part of the school curriculum of children.

The President, Professor L. Forster, announced that the luncheon on Christmas Eve would be an open one to which ladies would be invited. On that occasion Rotarian C. Champion would arrange to give a recital of Dickens's Christmas Carol, and a collection would be taken for the poor.



Sporting Page



KWOK CHUN-HANG REFUSES HONOUR OF COMPETING AT BERLIN



Chan Chin, above, has played a big part in the Chinese Police soccer eleven's success to date.

SOLID GOLD PUTTER

"SANDY" HERD JUST LOSES BY A BUMP

20th-Hole-In-One Promise

FAMOUS SCOT RETAINS HIS "WAGGLE"

London, November 1.

"Sandy" Herd, the 67-years-old Moor Park professional, came within a couple of inches of winning a solid gold putter when playing on the Orxhey Club's course yesterday.

The world's champion at holding teeshots—he has 19 "ones" to his credit—Herd has been promised the putter by an American golfer when he gets his 20th hole-in-one.

Playing the ninth hole, measuring 110 yards, in the Hertfordshire Alliance Foursome Competition for the Sir Alexander Grant Cup, he hit a perfect shot which covered the pin all the way.

Bump! The ball bounced 2ft. from the pin, hit the stick, and looked likely to drop into the tin.

MIXED DOUBLES FIRST ROUND RESULT

T. A. Pearce and Mrs. J. Rice-Evans beat S. A. Gray and Miss A. Mackenzie by 6-4, 6-2 in the First Round of the Colony Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship at the K.C.C. yesterday.

Unhappily, it just glanced away and stopped 2in from the hole!

Second Disappointment

This is the Moor Park veteran's second disappointment. Playing at Huddersfield three years ago he holed out in one and thought it was his 20th performance of golf's greatest fluke.

Records were consulted. Then it was discovered that Herd was one out in his reckoning—it was his 19th, and not his 20th hole in one.

Curiously enough, since he went to Moor Park a dozen years ago, Herd has only once holed his tee shot. That was in November, 1929.

Coombe Hill has been his favourite course for performing the feat, for he has had 13 "ones" on the course.

As Keen As Ever

A native of St. Andrews and a member of the famous quartette—James Braid, Harry Vardon, and J. H. Taylor were the other three—"Sandy" Herd has lost none of his old enthusiasm for golf.

His is as keen as ever. And with the passing of the years, George Greenwood tells me, the famous Scot has lost none of his old style or mannerisms.

He is not an undemonstrative player. There are times when he addresses "pleasant" and "kindly" words to the ball—and there are other times!

Again, the famous Herd "waggle" is still in full bloom. Very deliberately he "waggles" the club 14 times before his swing; then away goes the ball, crisp and clean.

DECIDES TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA STUDY-BEFORE-PLAY DECISION

PARENTS OPPOSE SURPRISE MOVE

(By "Crawl")

KWOK CHUN-HANG, the Melbourne Centenary, Australian, China, Colony and Interport Breast-stroke swimming champion, has figured in one of the biggest sensations in China's sporting world as the result of his definite decision to return to study in Australia immediately, thereby throwing to the winds a wonderful opportunity of representing China in the Eleventh World Olympiad, to be held in Berlin next July.

Kwok Chun-hang returned from a triumphant visit to Australia to take both the Colony and Interport breast-stroke titles for a second time, and followed-up these achievements by securing the China National titles in the 100 and 200 Metres at the new Civic Centre Pool in Shanghai.

While in the northern port, he decided to remain there to continue his studies at the St. John's University, but Shanghai evidently disagreed with him and, on the advice of a friend who accompanied him to Australia, he has definitely decided to return there to further his studies.

His elder brother and family are firmly opposed to this idea, as they had sincerely hoped that he would go to the Berlin Games with the China contingent, and even now they are trying to persuade him to change his mind.

His Hong Kong and Canton swimming friends, who learned their swimming at the same time as he did, are also making an attempt to restrain him from throwing away a marvellous opportunity.

A brilliant swimmer who has excelled in all departments of aquatic, and with a wonderful opportunity of representing China against the pick of the world, Kwok Chun-hang would indeed be foolish even to contemplate going to Australia instead of to Berlin.

TEMPORARY LULL

In Perry-Crawford Duels

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, November 13. So the Perry-Crawford duels, owing to the British champion's withdrawal from lawn tennis for a time, are not to be renewed in Australia this season. But, as A. Wallis Myers reminds me, "the Australian championships will not lack intriguing interest."

Crawford, the title holder, was defeated by Adrian Quist at Brisbane, but has never yet lost to the younger members of the Davis Cup team in the chief event. The possibility of either Quist or McGrath lowering his colours is bound to excite speculation.

Then there is the remarkable advance of John Bromwich, the Sydney youth who uses two hands for his forehand drive. He has already defeated Quist and Hopman, and his supporters are confident that he will go further.

INDIAN R. C. CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club in a premier League cricket match against the Royal Navy next Saturday at 2 p.m. at Sookimpo.

F. D. Pereira (Capt.), S. A. Ismail, A. H. Mader, A. E. Mimm, A. H. Ramjahn, A. S. Sullad, A. R. Abbas, M. P. Mader, K. Nazarin, M. el Arculli and Y. el Arculli.

UNIQUE RECORD

A remarkable sporting feat has been achieved by a Scottish sportsman, Andrew I. Garland, of Carnoustie, who, for the second year in succession, has won both the points and golf championships of Assam.

JOCK McAVOY WINS CHANCE FOR TITLE BOUT

With Decision Over Young McCoy

New York, December 1. Jock McAvoy, British Light-heavy-weight champion, won a chance at the world's title by earning a decision over Young Al McCoy of Boston, at the end of ten rounds.

McAvoy, making his debut in the United States, outboxed and outpointed his opponent throughout the battle, flooring the Bostonian in the third round for a count of four. Both boxers absorbed plenty of punishment.

POINTLESS DRAW

Oxford Backs Fritter Away Chances

DEADLY TACKLING FEATURES THRILLING MATCH

London, To-day.

Oxford University held Cambridge to a pointless draw in their annual Rugby fixture at Twickenham yesterday in a match that was thrilling if not spectacular.

The Oxford backs had many chances of breaking through, but were not good as an attacking line, while the star Cambridge threequarters were completely bottled up by the deadly tackling of their opposite numbers.

This was the first pointless draw since 1892.—Reuter.

The teams were:—Oxford University: Stuart Watson (Loreto), Obolensky (Trout College), Walford (Rugby), Harding (Twickenham), Rees Jones (Ipswich), Grievs (Ampthorpe), McShane (Australia), Brett (Durham), McGrath (Stonyhurst), Pienaar (South Africa), Disney (Cheltenham), Reid (Uppingham), M. C. G. Cooper (New Zealand), Bloxham (King Edward), Hughes (St. David's).

Cambridge University: Parker (Crypt School), Rawlence (New Zealand), Stewart (Fettes) Wooley (Ryedale), Fyfe (Oundle), C. Jones (Llandovery), Low (Dorset), Labadie (Harvey), Lord (Oundle), Dinwiddie (Bedford), J. Young (Dulwich), Inglis (Rugby), Irving (Glenside), W. Young (City of London), Cocks (Halebury).

Oxford Leading

Of the 60 matches already played, Oxford has won 27, and Cambridge 22, while 11 have been drawn.

Cambridge won a great and well-deserved victory last year when, in the face of a strong wind throughout the first half, during which Oxford had the ball most of the time, they finished the match with two goals, one dropped goal, one penalty goal and four tries (23 points), to Oxford's one dropped goal (3 points).



M. P. Madar, above, is considered to be one of the steady bats in the L.R.C. first eleven, but has not shown very impressive form so far this season.

ST. ANDREW'S "B" LUCKY

But "A" Team Record Clean Sweep

RECREIO "B" BADMINTON SUCCESS

The St. Andrew's "B" team were rather fortunate to beat the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by the odd set in nine in the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night at Wanchai, while the St. Andrew's "A" obtained an overwhelming win over the Kowloon Tong Club by securing all nine sets.

In spite of having the services of W. Lawrence, who played for the first time this season, the Victoria Recreation Club could only manage to win one set in their encounter against the Club de Recreio "B" team at King's Park.

The results of the games were as follows:—

Kowloon Tong Routed

At St. Andrew's Church Hall last night, the Kowloon Tong Club were beaten by the St. Andrew's "A" team by 9 sets to nil:

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's "A")—
beat G. A. White and S. A. Gray 21-3
beat J. Pong and P. Leung 21-4
beat H. Chan and B. K. Wong 21-0
A. E. P. Guest and F. A. Broadbridge (St. Andrew's "A")—
beat White and Gray 21-8
beat Pong and Leung 21-8
beat Chan and Wong 21-7
S. V. Wong and R. H. Wong (St. Andrew's "A")—
beat White and Gray 23-20
beat Pong and Leung 21-2
beat Chan and Wong 21-15

Odd-Set Win

Playing at home, the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home were beaten by the St. Andrew's "B" team by 5 sets to 4:

Yang Chan and J. Winfield (S. and S. Home)—
lost to M. Weil and A. Bliss 9-21
lost to A. Broadbridge and L. E. Kirby 21-14
beat P. White and J. Dawson 21-8
R. Collings and L. C. Gibbons (S. and S. Home)—
lost to Weil and Bliss 20-24
beat Broadbridge and Kirby 24-23
beat White and Dawson 21-15
A. Edwards and A. R. Brown (S. and S. Home)—
lost to Weil and Bliss 8-21
lost to Broadbridge and Kirby 18-21
lost to White and Dawson 15-21

V.R.C. Well Beaten

At King's Park last night, the Club de Recreio "B" team beat the Victoria Recreation Club by 8 sets to 1:

N. Beltrao and B. Cosano (Recreio "B")—
lost to S. A. Ramjahn and C. N. Silva 18-21
beat M. M. de V. Soares and W. Lawrence 21-9
beat P. B. Allan and C. M. Xavier 21-10
H. A. Barros and A. E. Xavier (Recreio "B")—
beat Ramjahn and Silva 21-6
beat Soares and Lawrence 21-13
beat Allan and Xavier 21-6
F. J. Remedios and A. J. Baste (Recreio "B")—
beat Ramjahn and Silva 21-12
beat Soares and Lawrence 21-17
beat Allan and Xavier 21-3

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES

BRITAIN'S OUTLOOK IN FIELD EVENTS

COLOUR RACES' CHALLENGE

(By "Kapiander")

London, November 9.

OLD Father Time has a habit of slipping along so unobtrusively that few of us ever notice his progress until something or other happens to bring realisation with a shock. Picking up a paper this morning, I saw a headline with reference to the Olympic Games of 1936. That little circumstance provided a jolt of the aforementioned description, for a little calculation reminded me that within eight or nine months the nations of the world will be assembled in athletic rivalry at Berlin.

And what are our chances likely to be? At the Los Angeles Games in 1932 we came out top in two events. T. Hampson won the 800 metres in 1min. 49.4-sec. (both world and Olympic record), and T. W. Green finished first in the 50,000 metres walk, clocking 4hr. 50min. 10sec.

Are we likely to do any better next year? I should say the outlook is fairly good in regard to two or three track tests, but it is still a fact that we are woefully short of good men in what are known as field events.

AMERICA'S ADVANCE GUARD

Winter Sports' Athlete For Germany

New York, November 7. First American Olympic athlete to sail for Germany, Richard H. (Dick) Durrance of Dartmouth, was a passenger aboard the Manhattan yesterday.

A member of the Olympic ski team, Durrance was given ticket No. P101, the first issued by the transportation committee of the American Olympic Committee.

Durrance, a native of Tarpon Springs, Fla., is going abroad now in order to practice on the new German Olympic ski course at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Other members of the ski team will sail in January.

CHINESE TO MEET RECREIO "A"

Badminton Treat To-night

LEADERS FAVOURED TO WIN

Only two matches in the men's badminton league are down for decision this evening and, while the game between St. John's and Taikoo will be a walk-over for the former, followers of badminton will probably be provided with one of the best games of the season when the Chinese Recreation Club meet the Recreio "A".

Despite the fact that they are playing at home, it is extremely doubtful whether the Chinese will be able to hold the strong Recreio aggregation.

The following is the week's programme:

MEN'S DOUBLES
To-day
St. John's v Taikoo
C.R.C. v Recreio "A"
MIXED DOUBLES
Friday
St. Andrew's v Fire Brigade
S. and S. Home v Recreio "A"
C.R.C. v Taikoo

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Team	W	L	D	Pts
St. Andrew's "A"	4	0	0	8
Recreio "B"	5	0	0	10
C.R.C.	3	2	0	6
Fire Brigade	4	3	1	9
Recreio "A"	2	2	0	4
St. John's	4	2	1	9
St. Andrew's "B"	2	2	1	5
V.R.C.	1	4	1	3
Kowloon Tong	5	0	0	10
Taikoo	2	0	4	4
S. and S. Home	4	0	1	8
St. John's	0	0	0	0
Elbow Hall "A"	0	0	0	0
Elbow Hall "B"	0	0	0	0



Jennings, above, is a very fine half-back in the combined R.A.O.C. and R.A.S.C. eleven.

THEIR REAL FORM

ALL BLACKS MAKE SEVERAL TEAM CHANGES

CAUGHEY RESUMES OLD POSITION

"Shorts" Costing A Small Fortune

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)

London, October 31.

The All-Blacks, who at last seem to be approaching their true form, are making an important positional change for their game with Newport to-day.

T. H. C. Caughey, one of the fastest thinkers of the party, is resuming at centre-three-quarter, the berth he likes and which he vows suits him better than any other. He ought to know because he has never been anything but a centre since his school days. But from the time the team started here manager V. B. Meredith has been experimenting with Caughey at five-eighth.

Playing centre, Caughey is said to be great at getting the ball to his wings and then running round to form an extra link in the chain. He has scored dozens of tries by this move.

A Ripping Story

Caughey's gallop for the life is so well known, in fact, that defenders sometimes yank his feet from under him after he has parted with the ball rather than let him run loose.

"Oh, yes! Those sort of things go on in Rugby. The tackling is vigorous and there is no room for shrinking violets in the game."

For confirmation, look at the All-Blacks' predicament over their Rugby shorts! All the pairs they brought with them from New Zealand have "gone west."

Charles Oliver, the cricketer, lost his last pair in spectacular style. They were ripped right off!

The cost of wear and tear, in fact, was making such inroads into the profits that the All-Blacks decided to have some special non-ripping, unshrinkables made.

A West-country tailor was entrusted with the task. No need to tell him anything about football shorts.

The players have now received them, and the largest pair, intended for 16st. Athol Mahoney, are a grand fit for 9½st. "Joe" Sadler.

Business And Pleasure

One of the All-Blacks' party, E. W. Tindill, is taking three New Zealand University examination papers in London next week. Special arrangement have been made for him to sit here so as not to lose a year's work.

He is a studious man of 23 who spends his train journeys with the books.

I fancy he must be the first Rugby tourist to sandwich examinations between matches.

But this is not the last time he expects to do it. He is hoping to be back in England in 1937 with the New Zealand cricket team, being a fine exponent of the summer game.

TENNIS AT THE K.C.C.

Playing in the final of the Kowloon Cricket Club men's handicap doubles yesterday, E. C. and E. F. Fincher (over 15) and A. W. Ramsey and A. E. P. Guest had each won a set when darkness set in and the match was abandoned. It will be re-played at a later date.

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES

(Continued from Page 4.)

We cannot expect our men to jump straight into the front rank of the world's best after no more than a fortnight or three weeks of concentrated training, but at least it is good to know that some of them have been put on the road to achieve that distinction.

Encouraging
In his report to the A.A.A. on the results of this year's school, Mikko says, "I feel it will not take many years before English field events men will perform just as brilliantly as English runners have done in the past."

"There is no lack of material. Englishmen are large enough and strong enough, and they surely possess the same qualities as the runners have shown."

As to that, there can be no doubt. The qualities are there; the job is to develop them. And the summer school idea is a sound one.

The one point for criticism is the shortness of the period during which the expert tuition is available. That, and the paucity of sports programmes which contain field events. Improvement in these two respects would be both welcome and beneficial.

Stern Opposition
Let us make no mistake about it: we shall be up against strong stuff at Berlin!

To begin with, the Germans have never won a man's event at any Olympiad, and are making very earnest preparations to "break their duck," particularly as they will be performing before their own people.

As to that, however, we shall see. The one thing we may be sure about is that (unless previously ordered so to do) no thoroughbred Aryan will stop to give a "Heil Hitler" salute in the middle of a sprint.

But there are others than Germans, and a point of great moment as showing the spread of world-wide interest in the Games is that the coloured peoples are beginning to set their stalls out.

Negro Athletes
From the United States comes the news that a training college for negroes is likely to be established, the originator of the scheme being Jesse Owens, the young black student of Ohio State University who is credited with having beaten three world records in one afternoon last summer.

Were the scheme to come to fruition, it would be no mean threat to the supremacy of white athletes, for the blacks of America can already put some extraordinarily good men in the field.

Eddie Tolan carried off the sprint double at Los Angeles. Eugene Peacock is said to have run the 100yds. in 9.1-5 seconds and covered 26ft. in the long jump. E. L. Gordon won the Los Angeles long jump, and our London negro, Jack London, won the English 100yds. championship and was runner-up at Los Angeles.

Japanese Hopes
The yellow races will also have to be reckoned with in the near future. Cuchi Nambu, who holds the official world records for the long jump (26ft. 2½in.) and the hop-step-jump (51ft. 7in.), is supervising the special Olympic training of 76 picked Japanese athletes.

The whites can no more afford to ignore or belittle this movement than they can the one mentioned

C.B.A. SEVEN-A-SIDE HOCKEY WIN

HONG KONG LADIES ARE OUTPACED

MISS BRYSON'S BRILLIANCE

DUE to the fact that the ground had not been marked properly, the seven-a-side hockey match between the Hong Kong Ladies "A" and the C.B.A. Ladies, on the latter's ground last evening, was played on a full-sized field with the result that the ladies had more running about to do than they bargained for!

The C.B.A. Ladies won by the only goal scored during the match. Miss M. Smith finding the net with a shot from a difficult angle. The winners were much the faster team, and it was due to this advantage that they did most of the pressing.

Miss M. Bryson was head and shoulders above everybody else on the field, while Miss M. Smith on the right-wing of the winning team was also prominent.

But for the fact that Miss E. Grey, at full-back, played a sterling game, the Hong Kong Ladies might have been beaten by a bigger margin. The Hong Kong Ladies' forwards made the fatal mistake of not dropping back to help the defence when hard pressed, and it was here that the C.B.A. forwards scored over their opponents.

The game started with the C.B.A. pressing, and from the bully-off Miss Bryson was prominent for some excellent play. It was when she brought the ball down the field and passed to Miss Smith that the latter scored.

Mrs. White Misses

Immediately after this the Hong Kong Ladies attacked strongly for a few minutes, but nothing resulted, for the C.B.A. defence were equal to the occasion and cleared in great style.

Once again the C.B.A. looked as though they were going to add to their score, but though unmarked, Mrs. White missed a "sitter". The final whistle sounded without any alteration to the score sheet.

H. K. Ladies "A":—Miss E. Grey and Miss B. Hebbler; Miss C. Ferguson and Miss M. Bell; Miss Marsh; Miss J. Dalziel and Miss M. Smalley.

C. B. A. Ladies:—Miss J. Walker and Miss P. Woolley; Miss M. Bryson and Miss I. Woolley; Miss M. Smith, Mrs. White and Miss R. Blackmore.

ANOTHER DRAW IN CHESS TOURNEY

But Dr. Euwe Is Near Victory

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Amsterdam, To-day.

The 28th game for the world chess championship, between Dr. Euwe and Dr. Alekhine, which was interrupted on Sunday after 40 moves, with Dr. Alekhine one pawn ahead, but hardly in a winning position, was continued here on Monday and ended in a draw.

The score stands at Dr. Euwe nine, Dr. Alekhine eight, while 11 games have been drawn. The battle for supremacy between the two champions is now nearing its end. The next game, which will be played in Amsterdam to-morrow, will be the penultimate of the match if Dr. Euwe should win. Trans-Ocean Service.

NEXT YEAR'S DERBY

Favourite In The Aga Khan's Stable

London, November 1.—When the Aga Khan won the Derby this year with Bahram it was stated that he had something just as good for next year.

The colt was Bala Hissar, by the famous Blandford, sire of Bahram, out of the Voluse, dam of Theft. Bala Hissar was late in coming out. He did not appear until the First October Meeting, when he was beaten. But yesterday he won in very promising style.

He has also won over the critics, who are now singing his praises. Moreover, he has gone up to the top in the betting, and at 8 to 1 is now equal favourite with Abjer for next year's Derby.

TYLDESLEY'S SUCCESSOR

Jim Bailey, the left-handed all-rounder, who played cricket for Hampshire for seven seasons — from 1927 to 1933 — and then was on the staff of Middlesex for two seasons, has been appointed professional to "Accrington" the Lancashire League club, in succession to Dick Tyldesley.

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Paradoxical Diplomacy

It may well be that in the days of the old diplomacy there were situations as paradoxical as those that we can see to-day, but the new habit of dealing with fundamental questions thrusts the oddity under our notice in a way that the older school would have taken great pains to avoid. After personal introductions the Naval Conference met on Monday in London to consider the reduction of their fleets, a move which is only rational on the ground that a long period of peace is expected. Next week the Sanctions Committee is to meet because there is not actually a state of local war, which one of the parties at any rate considers likely to be enlarged into a general, or at least a wider, war, in which all parties would require all the ships they can commission. It must be obvious that there is some explanation to be found, but it is not easy to be satisfied with such an interpretation as that it is only due to the personal eccentricities of this or that individual.

One reading of the omens is that Signor Mussolini aims at an amendment of the terms of the Covenant which would confine it to Europe, on the lines of M. Briand's proposal of a "United States of Europe." He argues—without any authority from the text of any treaty whatever—that he has not broken any obligation because the present war is "merely colonial." He claims therefore to take part in the deliberations of the League and of the Naval Conference as though nothing had happened to interrupt the peace-seeking engagements arrived at at Stresa. The policy of keeping everyone "in the Council Chamber" if they are ready to take a seat there is sound, but the world has grown too small for that sort of argument.

Nor is there any need to take it too seriously, for it looks like a late afterthought. Yet again it is wise to lay logic on one side. One experienced writer on foreign affairs considers that by remaining in the League in spite of the condemnation by so many other States "Mussolini has done the biggest thing in his career." The meaning of the remark is that he thereby admits and declares the necessity of peace and alliance with the peace-loving nations of Europe for the preservation of at least European peace, and recognises that it is only possible to attain that object by strengthening the League. That policy ignores the fact that if he succeeded in carrying out his African campaign in the teeth of the sanctions he would destroy the League utterly. How is it possible to reconcile this double-headed plan of action with consistency? There is only one supposition that will do so: he calculates that the same motives will weigh with the other member States heavily enough to make them hold their hands from the one measure that would be effective—the enforcement of the sanctions by a blockade. If they nibbled at the last hurdle he would have won a resounding diplomatic victory. If they did not, he could then with good grace point out that he has only yielded to force majeure. It has become a test of nerve, or more correctly, of the time-honoured device of "letting the cat out of the bag" on the decision.

EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

The Duke's Starvation

FREDERICK August, ruling Duke of Anhalt-Zerbst (1734-1793), who was the brother of Empress Catherine II of Russia, was in Luxembourg when he learned of the execution of King Louis XVI of France on January 21, 1793. He was so shocked at this blow to royal dignity that he immediately started on a complete fast of 43 days, which ended with his death from starvation in March, 1793.

The Duke is famous as the man who sold 1,160 of his soldiers to England, for the purpose of fighting the American "rebels" in the Revolutionary War.

The Roving House

Since 1891, L. F. Martin's home in Hollis, Okla., has been in four different counties, four townships, two States and one territory, yet it has never been moved. During the years of growth and development in Oklahoma and Northern Texas, all boundary lines were shifted hither and yon, and Mr. Martin's homestead—being peculiarly located, he scarcely knew from day to day where he was. Without moving, he has lived in Texas, Oklahoma Territory, Oklahoma State, in counties—Greer, Unassigned, Greer and Harmon. The four townships were: Duke, Martin, Looney and Hollis.

TOMBS OF BRONZE AGE FOUND

Struck By Plough On Silesian Farm

Berlin.—A farmer ploughing the fields near Cossel in Upper Silesia, came upon relics of tombs which proved to date back to the Bronze Age.

As a result, archaeologists have been able to unearth a whole burial field, comprising forty urns in 21 different graves. In the vessels were discovered traces of honey, millet and wheat.—Reuter.

sion to be taken within a few days are worldwide and epoch-making. No polite circumlocutions will be able to hide the fact. Either the war is to be stopped by the pressure of the sanctions, or the world goes back to the old drift of armaments, and more armaments, and more war.

What is there in our present experience of the vicious circle that is likely to deter men from the old attempt to solve their problems by war? The anticipations of future horrors does not seem to shake the lack of imagination of the ordinary human being. And it is quite true that a peace based on the calculations of fear would not be the sort of peace that inspires men to make the most of their civilisation. A much stronger motive with thoughtful people is the impossibility of making a war the means of securing a good peace. Those who are blamed for the mistakes of the Versailles Conference retort that they did their best. That may be so, but if that be admitted it is only a stronger argument for having no hopes of anything better coming out of similar circumstances. A cynic has remarked that "we told the men last time that they were fighting a war to end war; the next time we must do it." It seems at present as if the country that is determined to fight can defy all the rest of the world that is not equally determined to fight. The 52 nations simply cannot afford to allow themselves to be defied. Jibes about the militarist pacifists may be witty, but it does seem that next week there will be decided the great question whether or not the will of the majority of the nations is to prevail or not. If the answer is negative we shall not have much respite before another old-style war is upon us, and those who have declared that they will no longer fight "for King and Country" will have the chance either of doing so or going under to those who will or to those who have hidden their time to carry out plans of conquest.

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

DUM-DUM

Dum-dum bullets, the use of which in the Abyssinian war has been strenuously denied by both sides, take their name from the cantonment of Dum-dum near Calcutta.

Dum-dum was the headquarters of the Bengal Artillery from 1723 to 1853. Later it was famous for its ammunition factory.

It was there that the hollow-nosed "dum-dum" were first manufactured. An international declaration was made at the Hague Conference of 1899 forbidding the use of such bullets.

FOR STOPPING BIG GAME

By strict definition a dum-dum is a lead bullet of which the nickel covering at the point has been removed. It expands on penetrating and causes a terrible wound, particularly if it strikes a bone.

In stalking and big-game hunting a "soft-nosed" bullet is generally used. This also "mushrooms." A nickel bullet frequently goes right through the animal and has little stopping effect.

A lion shot by a nickel bullet has been known to kill the firer and as many as four other people before dying.

Your Daily Smile!

In a certain district in East Africa is a Resident Magistrate. When he is away a doctor acts for him.

Recently each agreed that he had broken the law by riding at night without a light. Both thought that the law would be vindicated if each appeared in court before the other.

The magistrate sat first and fined the doctor £5. When it was the doctor's turn to administer the law he fined the magistrate £20.

The magistrate looked abashed, but the doctor justified his severity by emphasising that an example was needed, since obviously the offence was becoming a common one; there had been a similar case that very day.

SO IT SEEMS

"Say, dad, the early birds don't get all the worms, do they?"

"Why, I always understood they did."

"No, the early apples get some of them."

IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Bill—"I love you, dear, more than anything else in the world."

Agnes—"I am sorry that I cannot return it, yet I shall always respect your taste."

SLIMMING IS ALSO FOR MEN SUPERFLUOUS FLESH UNNECESSARY

BALANCED DIET WITH NO SARCHY FOODS NEEDED

(By A Medical Correspondent)

It is quite a mistake to imagine that women are the only individuals who are interested in the problems of the diet with a view to reducing weight. To-day, possibly more than ever before, men, too, are keenly alive to the advantages of a reasonably slim figure. One has only to go any day into a London club to overhear some such conversation as the following:—

"My dear fellow, how well you look, and how much thinner you've got! You seem five years younger than the last time I saw you." To which the reply is: "Well, to be frank, I've been slimming."

Slimming, as a problem for men, presents certain well-defined differences from the question as it concerns women. In general, their faults are of a different order. Women, as it were, tend to "nibble"; they so often indulge in snacks between meals; they are fond of chocolates and cakes and sweets and fancy biscuits.

Sedentary Life

Men, on the other hand, tend to overindulge in the way of consuming too heavy and savoury meals, usually containing an excess of meat foods, while they greatly enjoy a pint of beer, stout, and other kinds of alcoholic beverages.

Another factor that bears upon their case is exercise. Most men, in their younger years are more or less keenly athletic, but as they approach the thirties and forties it is usually the case that they give up more active sport and, in general, their lives become more sedentary. It is no injustice, however, to state that in nine cases out of ten just as much, if not more, food is habitually consumed despite this restricted activity.

The result, of course, is inevitable: the girth measurement begins noticeably to increase.

I would impress upon all who intend to slim the necessity for a preliminary medical examination and in every case the approval of their doctors.

Some there are who are constitutionally fat; reduce them and they feel less well and less active; often in such cases theirs is what may be termed a healthy obesity.

These instances, however, are few and far between, and doctors as a whole are agreed that the more closely an individual approaches the ideal weight for age and height the more healthy will be he.

Ideal Weight

One is often asked, "What is my ideal weight, doctor?" For a completely accurate answer special statistical tables must be consulted, but a reasonably approximate estimation may be made by the use of the following simple formula:—Multiply the number of inches above 5 ft. by the constant 5.5 and add to this 110.

As an example, a man 5ft. 6in. should weigh: 6 (inches over 5ft.) multiplied by 5.5 (the constant), which equals 33. This figure, plus 110, becomes 143lb., which is the answer.

For a person less than 5ft. a modification is to be observed. The formula then becomes: inches below 5ft. multiplied by 5.5 (the constant) and subtracted from 110.

Suppose the height is 4ft. 10in. The difference between 4ft. 10in. and 5ft. is 2in.; 2 (inches below 5ft.) multiplied by 5.5 (the constant) subtracted from 110 gives the approximate weight as 99lb.

Two Categories

For practical purposes those who are overweight fall into two categories: those in whom the excess is an established and obvious factor, and those (a very large class) who are conscious that they are definitely beginning to put on weight.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOUTH-WEST

N. China Settlement Disapproved

"HUMILIATING CONCESSIONS" TO JAPANESE

[From Our Own Correspondent]
Canton, To-day.

Further disagreement with the North China settlement was voiced on Monday afternoon by Mr. Hsiao Fu-chen, official spokesman of the South-West Administration, when he regretted that Nanking did not take a firm stand in the face of Anglo-American opposition to Japanese designs on North China.

"Britain and the United States intended to help China," Mr. Hsiao stated. "They were discouraged by China's failure to resist Japanese aggression. Only the 19th Route Army fought against the Japanese, but London and Washington knew that the defenders were not supported by the National Government. As a result, England and America became indifferent."

Anticipating Anglo-American opposition, Japan wants to dominate North China by disclaiming any connection with the borus autonomists, who are really inspired by the Japanese, Mr. Hsiao pointed out.

"The agreement concluded by General Ho Ying-ching with the Japanese is another humiliating concession," Mr. Hsiao continued. "Under the agreement, North China, Japan and Manchukuo are to enter into close co-operation. This implies Nanking's recognition of Manchukuo, and the League of Nations, which does not recognize Manchukuo, will find China breaking the common front against the puppet regime."

Representative Criticism
Mr. Hsiao's criticism is representative of the official opinion in the South-west. Further opposition against the Hsiao settlement will be made upon the return of the South-west delegates, who are to make a full report on the situation.

Canton's disappointment is shared by all Chinese newspapers published in Canton and Hong Kong, which editorially reprove the concession to the "autonomists."

It is significant that General Li Chung-jen, the Kwangsi Army leader, will shortly return here from Nanning to discuss the political situation with high South-west officials.

STORMY SCENES IN PARLIAMENT

Rumanian Member Has His Face Slapped

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Bucharest, To-day.

Tumultuous scenes occurred in the Rumanian Parliament on Monday during the debate on the speech from the throne.

Deputy Janculescu, of the Goga party, slapped the face of the National Zaranist member, M. Dodrescu, when the latter tried to interrupt the leader of the Right Coalition, M. Octavian, of the Goga party, and one of the Goga adherents started a fight with the National Zaranist leader M. Lupu, so that the session had to be interrupted several times before order was restored, and the Speaker able to continue his address, in which he severely criticised the parliamentary policy, particularly the National Zaranist. — Trans-Ocean Service.

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

Hearing Postponed To Next Month

Three Chinese, Tse Sing-ho, Lo Ho-kai and Pang Wai-ming, employed at the Crown Lands Office, were this morning summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for obtaining money from Wazir Singh, No. 9A Morrison Hill Road, by pretending that as public servants they had a salary of \$250 a month, whereas they were within the limit of salary laid down in the Public Servants' Liabilities Ordinance of 1917.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan was for the defendants, while Mr. A. A. Silva appeared on behalf of the complainant. The case was adjourned to January 3, 1936.



Gary Cooper, as the sophisticated New York author and Anna Sten, as the simple little New England farm girl, are in Samuel Goldwyn's production of "The Wedding Night," released through United Artists and now showing at the King's Theatre.

\$1,200 BID FOR JADE BOWL AT LONDON AUCTION

Once In Summer Palace, Peking

Enthusiasm was aroused at Sotheby's recently by a small jade bowl of exquisite emerald green, which, after an opening bid of £500, was sold for £1,200. This trophy was removed from the Summer Palace at Peking during the Boxer rebellion. It belonged to Mr. John Smiley, of The Albany, who last summer sent a small green jade screen to Sotheby's, which realised £310.

CHANGES IN EGYPT COMMON POLITICAL FRONT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Cairo, To-day.

The efforts to unite all the Egyptian political parties into one common front reached a successful issue on Monday night, the consequence being a meeting of all the party leaders yesterday to fix a common plan of campaign. It was decided that King Fuad be petitioned to introduce the Egyptian constitution of 1923 and the British High Commissioner be asked to resume negotiations, with the object of concluding a new British-Egyptian treaty.

All the political parties will meet to-day at the "House of the People," when both petitions will be solemnly signed. The party leaders also propose to issue a proclamation to the Egyptian people announcing the formation of an united front with the object of joining forces for the national aims.

Except for minor disturbances Cairo was quiet yesterday. In political circles the resignation of the Nessim Pasha Cabinet is expected. — Trans-Ocean Service.

NEW RECORD FOR GRAF ZEPPELIN

50th Round Trip To South America

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Friedrichshafen, To-day.

The Graf Zeppelin, which only recently accomplished its 500th voyage, celebrated another jubilee yesterday when she returned here in the early morning from Pernambuco, thereby completing her 50th round trip to South America.

The dirigible, which involuntarily established a new endurance record a fortnight ago, when cruising along the Brazilian coast for 119 hours owing to the impossibility to land during the Communist revolt in northern Brazil, will enter her hangar to be thoroughly overhauled and put into shape for next year's work. — Trans-Ocean Service.

SUEZ CANAL CURRENTS

Cairo.—New evidence of the currents with which ships have to contend when passing through the Suez Canal has been brought to light by the capture of a huge fish in the southern part of the canal.

The fish was one of the locally known "Wakar" species, weighing 250 lbs. and measuring six feet long. Typical of the Mediterranean type of this species, the fish was found migrating towards the Red Sea.

NAVAL PARLEY OPENED

British Statement Presented

PLEA FOR CONTINUATION OF PRESENT PRINCIPLES

London, To-day.

The important British statement which started the serious business of yesterday morning's meeting of the Naval Conference is understood to have suggested the prolongation of the principles of the Washington and London naval treaties, with the modifications necessitated by the altered international circumstances and the needs of the individual Powers. The British spokesman also suggested the abolition of submarines.

Mr. Norman Davis repeated the American desire for a 20 per cent. all-round reduction and added his readiness to explore any reasonable proposition. The Conference will not meet until this afternoon, to enable Lord Monsell, First Lord of the Admiralty, to attend the Cabinet meeting in the morning.

Interesting developments are expected, as the Japanese are understood to intend to explain their parity claim in detail and will have the floor at most of to-day's meeting. — Reuter.

There will be an adjournment of the conference for Christmas from the morning of December 21 to the afternoon of January 2.—British Wireless Service.

Previous Meetings Considered

NOTHING MUCH DONE

Neither disarmament nor arms reduction is advanced by any of the interested Governments as within the range of practical diplomacy at present. Indeed Mr. Baldwin recently announced a re-armament programme. Limitation at higher levels is the best prospect.

A survey of the three previous naval conferences will indicate the moves toward disarmament already made and show the point from which the conference must start in framing any new limitation agreement.

WASHINGTON—1921-22

Called to check naval race. Official title: Conference on Limitation of Armament.

Results: Treaty limiting capital ships in ratio of five for the United States and Britain, three for Japan and 1.67 for France and Italy. Ratio based on status quo of ships in commission or under construction. Guns limited to 16-inch calibre on capital ships, and eight inches on smaller vessels.

Aircraft carriers limited to total tonnage: United States and Britain, 135,000 tons; Japan, 81,000 tons; France and Italy, 60,000 tons. Status quo of Pacific and Far East naval bases fixed. Treaty to end Dec. 31, 1936, with new conference in 1935.

GENEVA—1927

Called to check race in cruisers, destroyers and submarines, exempted at Washington. Official title: Conference for Limitation of Naval Armaments.

Results: Britain, United States and Japan, only powers represented, fail to reach agreement.

LONDON—1930

Results: Battleship replacement programme, to begin in 1931 under Washington Treaty, suspended until 1936.

Treaty signed by United States, Britain and Japan, with France and Italy abstaining. Limits cruisers, submarines and destroyers to ratio of total tonnage for Britain of 5.1, United States, 5, and Japan 3.15.

"Escalator clause," inserted at British insistence, permits signatories to exceed treaty limits if non-signatory Power menaces them.

Treaty ends Dec. 31, 1936, with conference in 1935 to reconsider terms. It is this conference which is now being held.

Eleven cases of diphtheria, with eight deaths, eight cases of typhoid fever, with one death, one case of paratyphoid fever, and 42 deaths from tuberculosis were notified in the Colony during the week ended last Saturday.

To-day's Short Story

The Light That Quailed

By J. Storer Clouston

AMONG the writers whose genius has done so much to remove the reproach of respectability from Great Britain, none touched a lower depth of what had hitherto been known as depravity than Paul Scabrette (it was really his grandmother's name; he had French blood—hence his courage).

The unblushing audacity of "The Illegitimate" and the daring realism of "When Men Perish" are still cited as the lowest watermarks in the ebbing tide of English morality. Others in his wake have been equally sincere, but the vigilance of the police had been aroused, and the hour was past.

"P.S." as he was familiarly known among his confederates, had only just avoided the dread tap upon the shoulder, and since his escape the authorities had raised the limit perceptibly. Thus Paul Scabrette remained solitary on what one might call an invited pinnacle, like a tardrop suspended from the south cone.

A year passed after the publication of the second of these masterpieces without further outbreak. The Elect rubbed their hands and awaited a yet more stupendous outrage. Another year passed and they still waited; a second year, a third, a fourth, a fifth went by, and many tales became current.

COMMUNISTS SAID AIMING AT CHENG TU

NANNING PLANES DISPATCHED

KWANGSI-KWEICHOW BORDERS STRONGLY GUARDED

[From Our Own Correspondent]
Canton, To-day.

Unconfirmed reports state that the Communists under Hsu Hsiang-chien are but within 35 miles of Chengtu, the provincial capital of Szechuen, after occupying Weichen and Kwoonhsien.

Rich people and officials are hurrying away from Chengtu before the Communists' arrival, according to the same reports.

The sudden departure of Communists under Ho Lung and Hsiao Keh from Western Hunan is with a view to joining their comrades in Szechuen. The Hunan Reds have arrived at Chenyuan, Eastern Kweichow and will push farther northward towards the Szechuen borders.

Fearing that the Reds may penetrate into Kwangsi from Kweichow, the Nanning high command has dispatched several scouting planes to fly over the Red area and see if they show signs of coming South. Three divisions are now taking up their position along the Kwangsi-Kweichow borders as a barrier against the outlaws.

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TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Nudest Colony," by John Dwyne.

Then more authentic news leaked out. He had married! Of course it was understood that, like practically every other author of any repute, he was enjoying a second innings with Mrs. Somebody-else-previous. It was true that the case had not appeared in the papers, but for P.S. marriage without divorce was unthinkable.

Then it became credibly reported that the fortunate author had secured a lady of exceedingly solid material attractions, that they were living somewhere in the country, and—most extraordinary report of all—that he was rapidly becoming the father of a family. At last the full truth was disclosed in a confidential letter from Paul himself addressed to one of his admirers, but frankly intended to be communicated to them all.

Certain points the brilliant writer still left a trifle obscure, but the general position became clear. He was still "sampling life," he said: at any moment the quiescent volcano might erupt, and meanwhile he was "preparing." Hints were dropped of several works of art, torrid and devastating, planned and now being elaborated, and the world of those who mattered were reassured. Their champion was only sharpening his sword for a still more devastating onslaught on decorum.

With a forged passport, most of a beard (the rest had been left in the grip of an expostulating lady friend) and a spare collar to allay the suspicions of any over-zealous official apprehensive lest he were

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Abyssinian Attitude On Peace Plan

COUNTRY'S INTEGRITY MUST BE GUARANTEED

Addis Ababa: Abyssinia will not accept any peace proposals which do not safeguard her independence and the integrity of her territory, and which do not conform to the letter and the spirit of the League Covenant.

This statement was made in authoritative quarters here where, however, it is pointed out that the Abyssinian Government is not yet in possession of any official information concerning the scope of the plan.

It is added that the French and British Governments are well aware of the Abyssinian attitude and that there can be no question of the Paris proposals being accepted, even as a basis of future negotiations, if their contents are anything like what the European Press publishes concerning them.

"ABYSSINIA AS VICTORS"

Hamburg: "I do not doubt for a minute that Abyssinia will emerge victor from the present war since the Italians will never be able to overcome the increasing difficulties arising from the climate, the deficiency of water, and the inaccessibility of the country," was the statement made to the *Hamburger Fremdenblatt* by the Swedish General Virgin, the former Military Adviser of the Negus, who arrived here on his way home after having left Abyssinia for reasons of health.

The General stressed that the strength of the Abyssinian Army was unimpaired, the Negus having already given strict orders to avoid any complications at the frontier, and to let the Italians invade the country in order to

show the world who was the aggressor.

INVADERS' DIFFICULTIES

The farther the Italians penetrate into Abyssinia the greater will be the difficulties caused by their up-to-date military equipment, whereas in the mountainous regions, the Abyssinians can climb with the agility of the Chamois, while the Italian soldiers can scarcely move under the weight of their arms. The Abyssinians will avoid a big pitched battle as long as possible and will content themselves with slowly sapping the Italians' strength by continuously harassing their flanks by night attacks.

It was, of course, impossible to foretell the duration of the war, but an agreement might soon be reached.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SANCTIONS AT GENEVA

Another Meeting Of Committee

London, To-day.

A Geneva message states that the League experts who are studying the application of sanctions against Italy met yesterday to examine the answers received from the Governments since the last meeting. They will prepare an interim report on the whole subject for submission to the Committee of Eighteen, which meets to-morrow.

It is understood that the experts find a certain number of South American States have not yet taken the necessary legislative measures to put the sanctions into effect. According to present arrangements the Minister for League Affairs, Mr. Anthony Eden, who is also acting Foreign Minister in the absence of Sir Samuel Hoare, will leave London this afternoon to attend the Committee of Eighteen.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

H.M.S. Folkestone will leave for Wei-hai-wei next Friday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Percival Bernard Allan, concrete engineer, of No. 190 Prince Edward Road, and Miss Minnie Flooy, of No. 107 Eutaw Road, Kimberley, South Africa, who is en route to the Colony per s.s. Houtman.

The Imperial Airways liner Dorado left Kai Tak yesterday morning for Penang, in continuation of its test flights under service conditions.

The s.s. Santhia will leave for Shanghai and Japan ports at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

A dinner dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel this evening. A special extra bus service has been arranged in addition to the ordinary time table, as follows: leaving Hong Kong Hotel, 8.00 p.m., 8.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.; leaving Repulse Bay Hotel, 1.00 a.m., 1.15 a.m. and 1.30 a.m.

A Children's Fancy Dress Ball will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel on Thursday, December 19, between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. There will be a special bus service from the Star Ferry and the Lower Peak Tram station. Admission, \$1.50 per person, including tea and children's bus fare. Tickets can be obtained at the Hong Kong Hotel, Peak Hotel, Peninsula Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel. For particulars, please apply to Repulse Bay Hotel.

Ip Sui-ching, a boatman, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital this morning suffering from the effects of immersion when his oyster boat capsized near Swatow. He was picked up by the s.s. Gustave Diederichsen and brought to Hong Kong.

Ho See-wing, clerk of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, at the Peak was this morning charged with the embezzlement of \$6.00 and with the theft of a quantity, about 38 gallons, of petrol. The case was adjourned for one week, the defendant being allowed bail of \$100.

MEETING OF CABINET

Discussions Open In London

POINTS OF SUGGESTED SETTLEMENT

London, To-day.

A further meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday, at which an examination of the formulae for the negotiated settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute drafted during the week-end conversation in Paris and referred to London for approval was continued. The draft is the result of the joint efforts of the French and British Governments to find a basis of settlement which may prove acceptable to Signor Mussolini and the Emperor of Ethiopia as well as to the League of Nations.

Consultation on the points of procedure, which are an essential factor in the suggested arrangements, are still proceeding between London and Paris and the matter may again come before the Cabinet at its usual weekly meeting to-day.

The texts of the proposed formulae have not been published, but reports emanating from Paris and professing to summarise their substance have received wide currency. Considerable criticism based upon these unconfirmed reports has been aroused, and the situation which has arisen was the subject of questions, which were answered in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by the Prime Minister. At their conclusion the Leader of the Opposition, Major Attlee, announced his intention of raising the matter on the motion for the adjournment of the House yesterday evening.

COMMONS QUESTIONS

London later: The Opposition leader, Major Attlee, asked the Prime Minister at Commons question-time whether, before any further action was taken, the House would be informed of the nature of the proposals for the settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian dispute. Mr. Baldwin replied: "The House is aware that the Committee on Co-operation at Geneva has approved the negotiations by the French and United Kingdom Governments in attempting to find a basis for the settlement of the dispute. Such basis would, of course, have to be submitted for the views of the parties concerned. The Foreign Secretary, in passing through Paris, had conversations on this subject on Saturday and Sunday with M. Laval.

"Certain proposals, both as to substance and procedure, were discussed between them. No suggested basis at present has been submitted to either Italy or Abyssinia, and it would clearly be premature to make a statement on the subject at present."

Pressed to say whether the reports which had appeared in the newspapers were substantially correct, the Premier said: "I have not examined the press reports. A leakage in Paris has made very difficult a delicate situation. I am told by those who have studied both the original proposals and the press reports that there are considerable differences in matters of substance."

NO DISCUSSION POSSIBLE

Mr. Baldwin was then urged, in view of the leakage, to make known the real proposals and replied: "Any discussion in the House before the question can be considered by the interested parties would do no good and might do a great deal of harm. I have spent the whole of this morning in consultation regarding the messages which have been coming through on this matter, and I am not at all sure that finality has yet been reached."

He added that a statement would be made to the House as soon as the whole of the relevant papers could be laid.

Both Major Attlee and the Liberal leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, as well as other members, continued to ask supplementary questions, in course of his replies to which the Prime Minister emphasised that the proposals were merely a basis for discussion, and that it was a necessary condition, as the Government had always said, that they should be approved by the three parties—the League and the two States—concerned.

ELLIS KADOORIE INDIAN SCHOOL

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING HEADMASTER ON EVE OF RETIREMENT

THE annual prizegiving of the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School was held this morning in the school hall, when the prizes were presented by Mr. A. el Arculli. The Report for the year ending August 31 last was submitted by the Headmaster, Mr. A. T. Hamilton, F.R.G.S.

FRENCH ADMIRAL ARRIVES

Calls Exchanged This Morning

TO REMAIN IN COLONY FOR ONE WEEK

Vice-Admiral J. P. Esteva, the Commander-in-Chief of the French Naval Forces in the Far East, arrived here early this morning on board his flagship, the cruiser Primauguet, and will remain here for one week.

The Vice-Admiral exchanged calls with Commodore C. G. Sedgwick at 9.30 this morning, the former receiving a salute of 15 guns and the latter a salute of 11 guns.

Next Saturday Vice-Admiral Esteva will call on His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, at Government House, and will call on His Excellency, the General Officer Commanding, Major-General Bartholomew, at Flagstaff House the same day. Salutes of 15 guns will be fired in each case.

Vice-Admiral Esteva and His Excellency, Admiral Sir Frederic Charles Dreyer, will not exchange calls on this occasion as they have already done so on a previous visit.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuters.

	Prev. Yesterday	Closing
New York Cotton:		
December	11.63	11.66
January	11.62	11.62
March	11.41	11.41
May	11.35	11.32
July	11.28	11.23
October	11.05	10.97
Spot	12.05	12.10

New York Rubber:		
December	12.98	12.93
January	13.06	13.01
March	13.26	13.19
May	13.41	13.35
July	13.56	13.46

Chicago Wheat:		
December	95	96
May	95	95 1/2
July	89 1/2	89

Chicago Corn:		
December	58 1/2	58 1/2
May	59 1/2	59 1/2
July	60 1/2	60 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat:		
December	83 1/2	83 1/2
May	87 1/2	87 1/2
July	87 1/2	87 1/2

New York Silk:		
December	1.97 1/2	1.96 1/2
March	1.94 1/2	1.92
May	1.92 1/2	1.91

British Wireless Service.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT. Paris: The press forecast as to the Franco-British proposals, regarding the prospects of bringing about a peaceful settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict, show extreme reserve.

Most newspapers merely publish the despatches from their Rome and London correspondents without comment, and express the hope that Signor Mussolini will adopt a conciliatory attitude so that the Sanctions Committee will not have to impose sanctions.

Le Petit Parisien stresses that Mr. Anthony Eden himself communicated the British Cabinet's decision to the French Foreign Minister, M. Ribbentrop, pointing out that the British Government's attitude was one of a formal character, although neither Mr. Anthony Eden nor Mr. Neville Chamberlain found any proposals elaborated to their liking.

In the course of his Report the Headmaster states that the maximum enrolment for the year was 170 and average attendance 164, or 96 per cent., which he considered very good considering the long distances some of the boys had to travel.

At the annual examination, out of the 152 boys who sat 134 passed. The change in the Urdu syllabus mentioned in last year's Report had been fully justified. Examination results on the whole were satisfactory. In Class IV entrance examination to Queen's College 10 boys passed out of 11.

Sport and Health

The general health of the school has been very good indeed. In addition to the games played every class. Practically every boy in the school takes part in games of some kind or other and football and cricket matches are played against other schools, while the interclass rivalry is very keen. Thanks are due to the Hong Kong Cricket League for a donation of \$50 to the school sports fund. While on the subject of sport, however, the Headmaster offers a word of advice to the boys—not to allow over-keenness on sport to interfere with their studies.

General. The school has 34 boys on its Free List this year, an increase of four, and on behalf of these boys the Headmaster expresses gratitude to the donors, Mr. A. el Arculli and the Trustees of the Sir Ellis Kadoorie Fund. In addition there are five boys holding Government Scholarships. All these boys appreciate what is being done for them.

The School Library has been reorganised during the year and over 100 volumes added.

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TRANS-ATLANTIC AIRLINE

New Ocean Aerodrome Under Construction

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The third Ocean Aerodrome is being built for the German Lufthansa Trans-Atlantic Air Service to South America and is now on the stocks in the shipyard at Kiel.

The two steamers Westfalen and Schwabenland are now serving as fuel stations for the aircraft in mid-ocean but are insufficient owing to the necessity of frequent overhauling.

The new vessel, which is destined to reinforce the ocean aerodrome service, will have a displacement of 2,000 tons, and will be equipped with two diesel engines of 1,000 B.H.P. each, thus enabling her to obtain a speed of 15 knots. It is expected that the vessel will take up her post in mid-ocean next May.—Trans-Ocean Service.

RELICS OF QUEEN VICTORIA

Sale At Riviera Pavilion

Nice: Furniture from the Victoria Pavilion, situated in the Park of the Hotel Regina where Queen Victoria used to stay during her visit to the Riviera, has been sold by auction. Articles sold included a large quantity of English wardrobes and other furniture and the suite used by Her Majesty. Some good prices were realised, a number of souvenir hunters being amongst the bidders.—Reuters.



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The Light That Quailed

(Continued from Page 7.)

one of those undesirables who never change their linen. Dr. Gotzmag landed at Harwich and headed for the refreshment room. The doctor was without any exaggeration, the most advanced thinker in Jugorgia-Slavania. (This State was the first republic to make marriage illegal and superstition a capital offence. See particulars in Prof. Bubba Anthrax's monumental work, "Cultures That Count.") His activities had hitherto been epoch-making, and he was now about to make another.

Numerous collections of literary masterpieces had been (and are still being) published in various lands, embodying gems by various writers willing to supply them at a reasonable price. But these had been but local compilations. The doctor's scheme was international, a constellation of masterpieces in every language from Jugorgia-Slavania to Arabia. And they should be real, guaranteed masterpieces, without speck or alloy of romance, morality, restraint or sentiment.

A single comma of conventionality excluded. No woman over forty should be able to read the volume without a blush. No clergyman should be able to refrain from putting it into the fire immediately (that is to say, as soon as he had finished it). As a title, the doctor had thought of something like "Brave Tales for Brave People," if he could reduce the thought to a more epigrammatic form.

And now he was in England—land of conventions, foxes, the feudal system, timid respectability, tall policemen, everything, in fact, which the doctor most despised and abhorred. But there was one brave spirit, one bright light, one without reverence or shame, a writer who counted. "P.S." was a household monogram in Jugorgia-Slavania. The publishers were paying Dr. Gotzmag's expenses from Paris to England, simply to secure a masterpiece by Paul Scabrette.

P.S. was awakened by the opening of his library door. He started up in his leather chair and gazed at the disturber with that air of indignant denial frequently seen on the countenances of thinkers thus disturbed. If his trim table-maid had not actually heard the phenomenon, she would have found it difficult to believe it had really been a snore.

"A person," she announced, "is at the front door wishing to see you, sir."

"What kind of a person?"

"Not a gentleman, sir," she replied, with emphasis. "And can't never have been one, neither, even supposing, sir, he has seen better days. He says his name is Dr. Gotzmag, and as how you'd know it."

"Dr. Gotzmag?" exclaimed the author. "You don't mean the Dr. Gotzmag?"

"He hasn't brought no others with him, sir. But I could ask him, if you wish it."

"Wait a bit; perhaps I'd better see him myself. I say, take away those things first, will you?"

The maid removed the half-empty coffee cup and the quite empty liqueur glass. Her master cast the half-smoked cigar into the fire and glanced at the clock. It was past three, and he realised that his after-luncheon meditation had lasted for over an hour.

He frowned as he hurriedly produced a small mirror from a drawer and arranged his hair as it was in his most famous photograph; and then sighed, as he noted the widening blank amid the once luxuriant locks. He frowned again as he pulled down his waistcoat over his increasing circumference, and involuntarily his eye turned towards a small volume on his table entitled "Advice to Sedentary Gentlemen," by an M.D. Lond. And then, throwing up his chin in the old attitude, he strode out into the hall.

On the threshold of the front door a spectacled, half-bearded figure, with the end of a spare collar protruding from the side pocket of a gray-splashed jacket in the Byzantine style, was gazing intently at his advancing host.

"Er—are you the—er—famous Dr. Gotzmag?" inquired the distinguished author.

"I am," cried the savant. "And you? Am I to have the pleasure to embrace the so celebrated P.S.?"

P.S. halted and glanced over his shoulder. The maid was still in the background.

"In England we shake hands," said he, and advanced his own. It was always somewhat limp, and the famous foreigner seemed at first to regard it with disappointment. Then, recovering his optimism, he wrung it fervently.

"Come into my study," said P.S. hurriedly.

Something that would have been a prayer of thankfulness in a less independent mind silently escaped from his pursed lips. The day before, Mrs. Scabrette had taken the children to the seaside to recover from mumps. The demi-bearded doctor had timed his visit to a miracle. Paul was patiently educating his helpmate, but she was not yet quite ready to appreciate a Jugorgia-Slavonian savant.

The doctor gazed round the ample library in silence. Then he inquired in an awed voice:

"Your study—is it?"

"Yes—er—well, you can call it my library, whichever you like," said Paul with a careless air.

"Ah! Then this woman, she is very rich?"

P.S. frowned.

"We happened to have a little money between us," he admitted.

The savant smiled knowingly.

"For how long will this one last? Till you shall have expended all her money, eh?"

Paul endeavored to smile back in the same spirit. He realised that he had to sustain the lurid reputation of P.S. The door was closed and his staff could neither see, nor (he trusted) hear. In a guarded voice, he answered boldly: "Till we tire!"

The doctor's hand went to his beard—his gesture when amused. It groped in the blank segments and he ceased to smile.

"Sometimes that happen very soon," he said. "And then they are tigers!"

"Have you been in England before?" P.S. inquired.

"Oh, much often! They expel, but always I return," replied the doctor briefly, and returned to the charge. "Your wife have children; yes?"

"Three," the author confessed, with a parental smile.

"Whose?"

"Hers, of course!"

"Ah! But the man?"

"Me, naturally!"

The savant secured the intact side of his beard this time and leered waggishly.

"I once believed them, too!"

P.S. coughed and essayed a more effective change of theme.

"Would you care for anything to drink, doctor?" he inquired.

For an instant his guest's eyes gleamed, and then grew wary.

"In a short time, yes! But first we shall have to talk of business. When I drink I grow too happy. We will sing together, my friend, you and I? But not quite yet!"

Instinctively Paul's thoughts leapt to the exemplary maid. She had been trained in an epigrammatic and her last situation had been with a baronet's physician in royalty. He himself could sing almost instinctively. (He sang in church). But the doctor? He strongly suspected a private bass. But he must be seen! (Continued on Page 11)

PATRIOTIC YOUTH SOCIETIES

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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The Chairman of the Patriotic Youth Societies, Deputy Taittinger, has published an open letter declining to assent to the dissolution of the semi-military unions as offered by Deputy Barnagay in the Chamber last Friday.

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Comparative Figures

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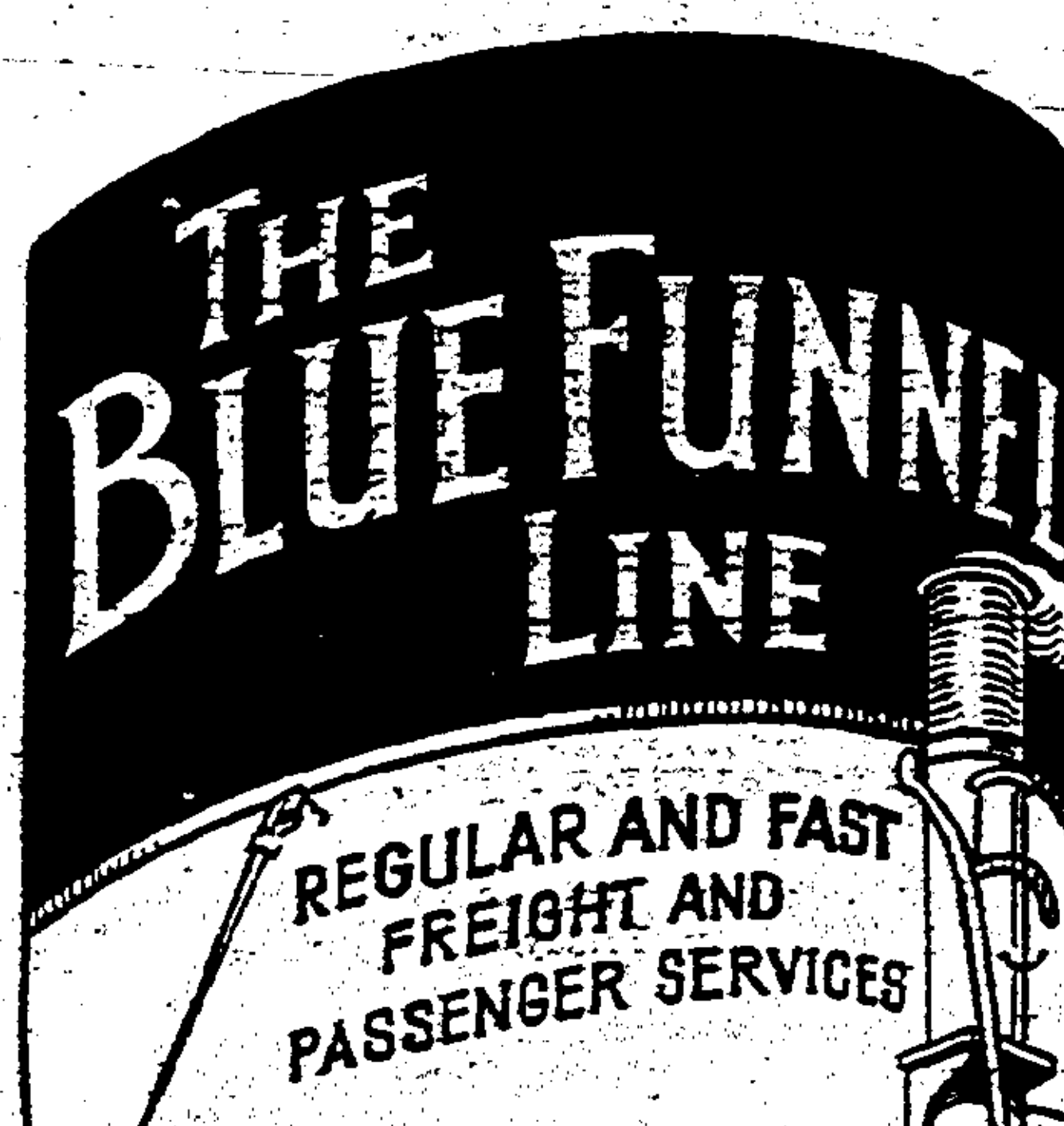
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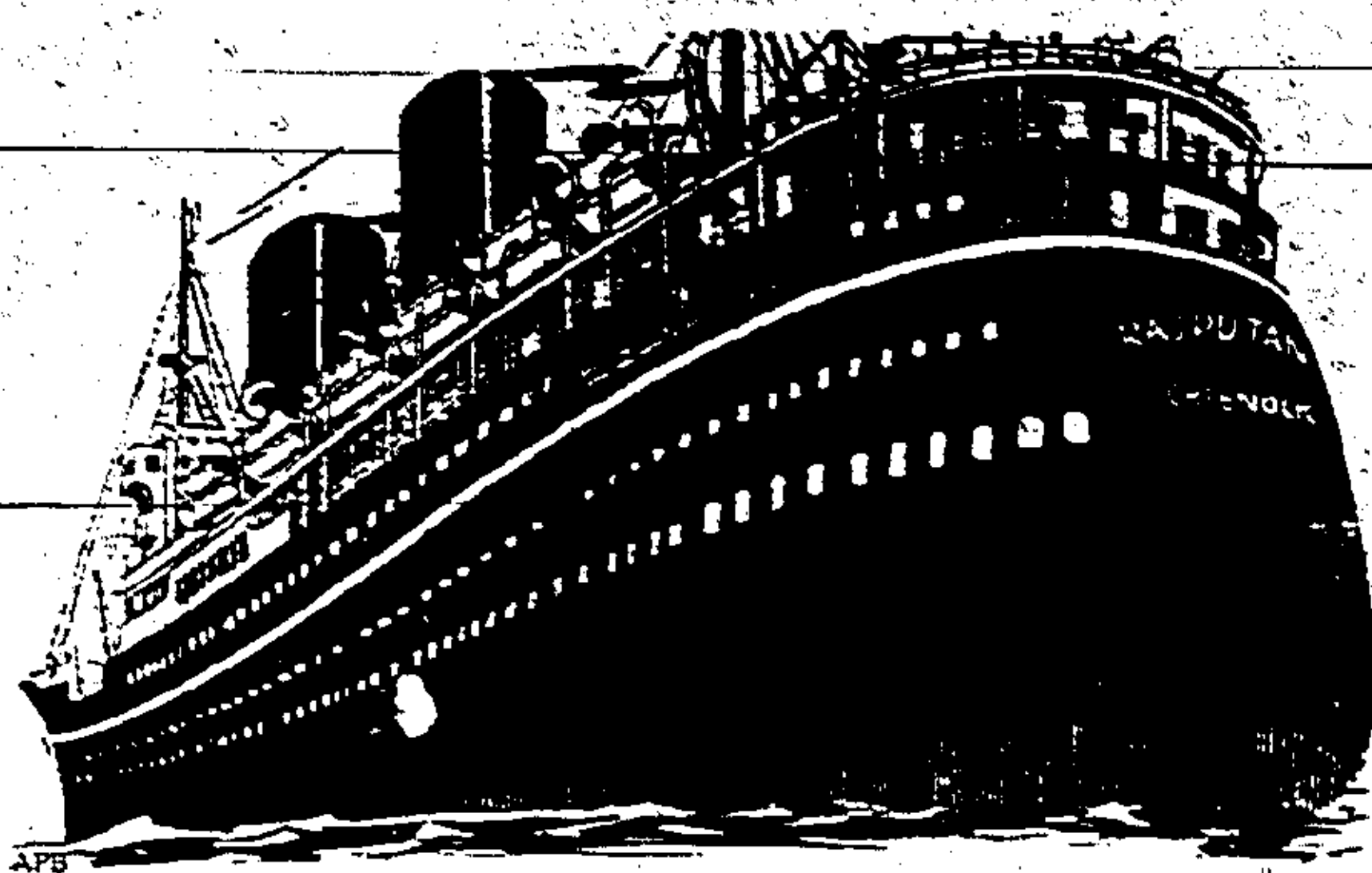
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The Report concludes with a word of thanks to all members of the staff for their loyal support and co-operation throughout the year.

Mr. el Arculli's Speech
Before presenting the prizes Mr. el Arculli said:—

"It is apparent from the Report just read that the school has had a successful year and the Headmaster, Staff and boys are to be congratulated on its continued progress."

"I am glad to hear the Headmaster's warning against the neglect of studies for games. Coming as it does from one whose name was one to conjure with in football circles not so many years ago and one who still indulges in his leisure moments in games less strenuous than football, the warning should carry great weight. Scientific education recognises the value of games but, though the old idea of making a boy spend all his time in work and none in play has long since been discarded, it does not follow that lessons should be sacrificed for sport."

Proper Use Of Games

"It is recognised that attention must be given to the physical as well as the mental development of a boy, as the one helps the other and health is an asset that everybody should cultivate. For that reason principally you find games included in the activities of every school. Games have also other virtues which make them a supplement to a boy's education. Teachers do not teach mere 'book learning.' Their responsibility is much greater. In the class-room and generally in a boy's school life they teach him to be intelligent, resourceful, upright, self-reliant and courageous. These qualities are promoted by participation in games; and for this reason also teachers rely on games to aid them in their tasks. So long, therefore, as games are played for the purposes for which they are intended they are admirable, but they can be overdone or, I should say, over-played, and I trust you will bear in mind the Headmaster's warning."

Mr. Hamilton's Retirement

"Prize-day in this School has for many years been a function which I have attended with pleasure. My attendance to-day, however, is tinged with sadness, as it reminds me that Mr. Hamilton, your Headmaster, is leaving the Colony on retirement in the Summer and we shall not be able to have him with us at the next prize-giving."

"Mr. Hamilton has been Headmaster for some years, and the boys of this School and their parents are greatly indebted to him for much help and kindness during his tenure of office. I personally have also to thank him for much help and courtesy in matters connected with the School and I take this opportunity to wish him and Mrs. Hamilton good health, long life and prosperity in their Homeland when they leave us."

"Rumour has already named Mr. Hamilton's successor and if it is correct the School will be lucky. Whoever the successor may be, I feel he will be happy here, and I am sure that he can rely on the support of the numerous well-wishers and friends of the School when he assumes office."

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The Light That Quailed

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"What is my business?" cried the savant. "Listen! I shall make to you a communication!"

At a quarter to four the doctor's communication reached its culminating point. The whole field of literature, the theory of art, the realm of morals had been covered, exhaustively and dynamically. The project of the polyglot masterpieces had been expounded. The doctor's voice rose higher, his gesticulations featured the baton of a jazz-band conductor, his chair, infected by his ardour, crept forward with spasmodic jerks, till now his knees were touching his host's. He finished at last.

"You, you—it is you I count upon. My Paul, you are the one bright, shining light in this bourgeois England; the light that is not afraid! A story from P.S. is what I have come for—all the way here! For that my passport has been forged, my woman she has been deserted, my money it has been spent just by one night in London! How it did spend it, I cannot remember this morning, but ah, my publisher he has much more! You will be paid, my friend, do not be afraid. You will get one million of our new notes—our very latest; or two million, if you prefer; or three; it does not matter. It will be all the same. Now, Paul, what masterpiece have you got to give me?"

He fell back in his chair and the reverberations ceased. Even if P.S. had professed modesty (a quality which as a matter of fact he frankly contemned), how would it be possible to remain untouched by this tribute?

"I feel highly flattered," he said. "As no doubt you know, I haven't been publishing much lately."

"I know! All the better!" interrupted Dr. Gotzmag. "You think you prepare—and now I take the fruit!"

P.S. rose and opened a drawer of his desk.

"I have a few ideas sketched out roughly here. Perhaps I might work up one of them for you."

The doctor closed his eyes, and placed his dark-rimmed finger-tips, together.

"Tell me, and I will listen and consider."

"Well—here is one idea—just a mere outline, you understand, doctor—what I may call all expression of modernity—a spiritual aspiration, perhaps, rather than a story, but rather telling. I think I haven't looked at it recently and I shall be able to see it with a fresh eye myself. The central idea is Freedom—Freedom of choice of life, of everything! The protagonist is a youngish man—about my own age—I have called him tentatively John. I want to get away, from all romantic nonsense."

"Splendid! Quite so!" murmured the savant. "I, too, have got away."

"Well, this John has a wife—at least she is nominally his wife. Actually, they have both been married before, though neither knows the other has. And their previous experiments are 'both alive.'"

"Bigamy! Magnificent! I too, but continue, my friend. This promises well."

"John's first wife turns up to claim him. The issue is Freedom versus Conventional Restraint. What should John do?"

"Strangle her!" said the savant, without an instant's hesitation.

P.S. gazed at his notes, and when he answered there was a slightly less confident ring in his voice.

"I rather think that was my own solution—either that, or—"

"A harem!" cried the savant, ecstatically. "Now, that is an idea for you, my friend!"

"As a matter of fact that seems to have been my alternative, too. But—er—" Paul hesitated, "well, the fact is, doctor, I begin to see it now in rather a new light, and I am afraid the end will have to be a little altered. For instance, suppose the first wife had a weak heart—one would prepare the reader for that beforehand, of course—and then she suddenly dropped dead. Or, better still, she might have been married previously, too, and so John's second marriage—the happy one—would be quite legal."

Dr. Gotzmag stared at him.

"Is happy marriage?" he would ask, legal, you say? But that is just

simply bourgeois—"he began in an outraged voice.

His host interrupted hurriedly. "I know, I know. But—well, my own wife has rather strict ideas—I am afraid she wouldn't quite like—However, that's only one plot; here's another—rather strong and original, I flatter myself, and not about marriage at all. Now, just listen to this, doctor!"

The doctor controlled himself, and once more closed his eyes.

"Well, let me hear it, then."

"I see I have entitled the idea. The Romance of a Degenerate—using 'Romance' ironically, of course. The hero—I am ironical again, you understand—is called, let us say, James. He is born in an asylum, his father has been hanged, his mother has committed suicide, one of his aunts has six toes, and all the rest are either deaf and dumb or congenital idiots."

"Make them in the House of Lords! Ah, there you will have irony!" cried the doctor.

"I might," said the author slowly. "only—well, the objection is that y—near-door—neighbour here—only a mile away—is Lord Borcaster, a first-rate fellow. Lady Borcasters might like it. I am afraid one would have to leave out the House of Lords."

The doctor's brows darkened.

"You mean you are a friend of a nobleman—"

"But, my dear doctor, that wasn't part of the original idea, it was only your own suggestion! The story doesn't depend on that. My intention was to trace the career of the degenerate James in bold, outspoken language—minute details—crimes, you know—mostly sexual, and so on. I see I have noted that particularly. But—" he paused suddenly.

"But what?"

"Well—er—now that I come to think of it," said Paul, going very slowly, "one must—ah—well—consider the effect on one's own—er—children, when they are old enough to read my books. I wouldn't like to write anything they couldn't read, you know; nor would my wife. Let me see; one might keep part of it, and then perhaps let James join the Boy Scouts, and possibly visit a specialist who should inject him with some anti-degenerate toxin—a modern and quite up-to-date idea, you will notice—and then, perhaps, one might bring in the Great War. If James won the V.C. at the end, the effect upon the children might really be quite—"

He saw the thunderclouds gathering afresh and hurried on without pause. "However, if you don't like that idea, I've got a third plot here. It has no complications so far as I remember. Listen!"

With his eye on the footsall he plunged into the tale without pause.

"The idea is—ah—I begin to remember the plot now! Yes, the underlying theme is Freedom of Thought. The first was Freedom of Action, you will recollect. I thought of illustrating it by means of a woman—call her Jane. She should be plain, short, and rather stout—thick legs I see I have noted—"

"And have smallpox and a baby!" suggested the doctor, reanimated by this promising beginning.

"Well we might perhaps throw in those, too. But the point is that I want to draw an average woman, a typical member of her sex, with a bold modern mind, who finds her self up against—"

"Oh, I see I have made her begin by being up against the religious superstition of her parents, and burning the family Bible. E'm. One might keep that if one made her very low church to begin with—interrupted ritualist services and objected to the New Prayer Book and so on; and then introduced an eminent Anglican divine—more or less on those lines."

It could easily be altered somewhat.

"Why should be be altered?" demanded the doctor fiercely.

P.S. grew distinctly embarrassed.

"Well, the fact is, my own views have been somewhat modified since my marriage, you know. A family man, you know—and—"

"well, my wife happens to be rather high church, and our religion is a very good follow, and I pump our own, and in a good many points I agree."

Dr. Gotzmag could contain himself no longer.

"Traitor!" he shouted. "You are afraid—afraid—"

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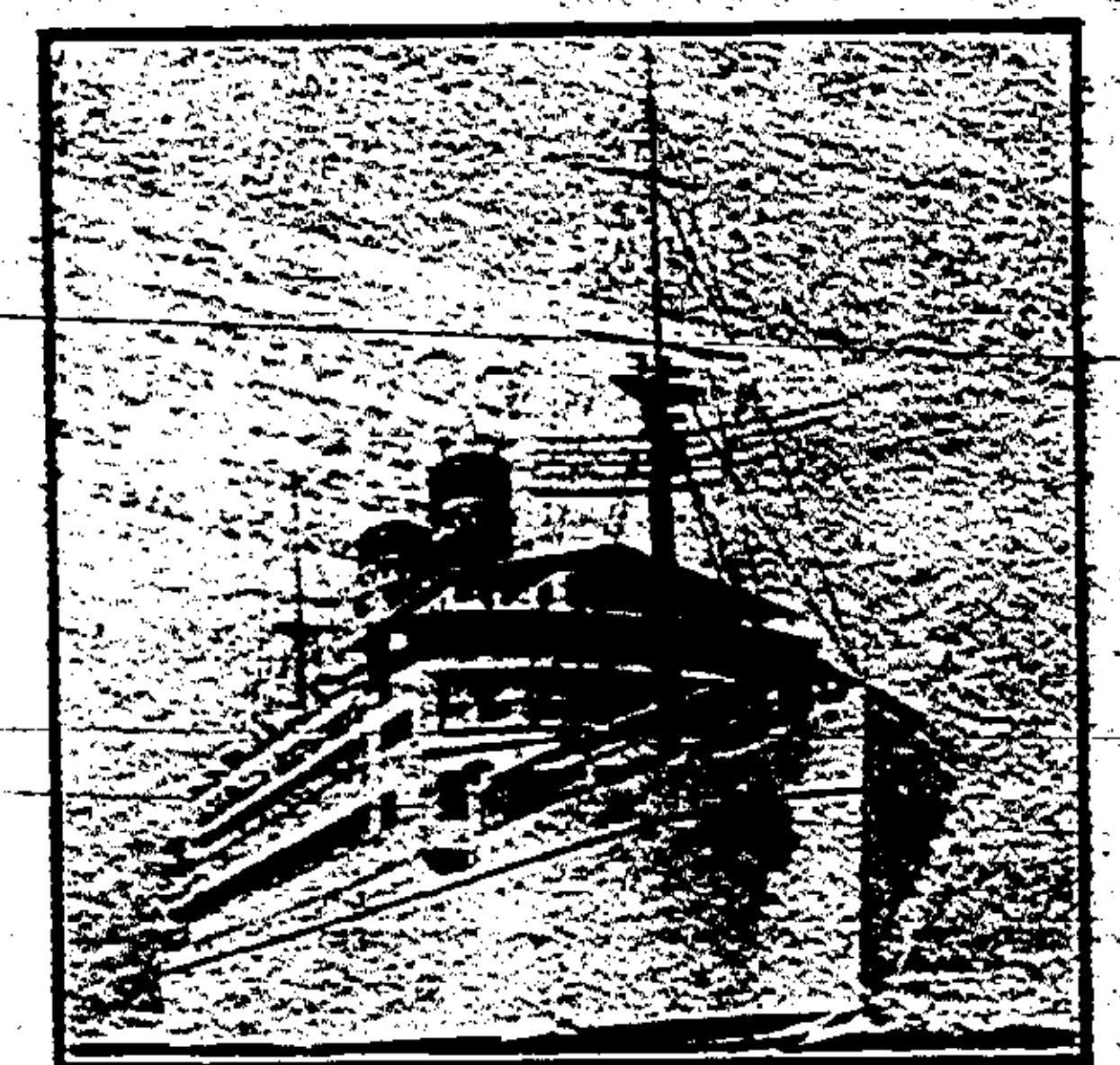
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afraid! You get legally married—you go to church—you are a family man!" He paused to spit contemptuously.

P.S. leapt to his feet. The carpet was new! and the exemplary maid probably in the hall outside. The doctor's shouts must have penetrated even to the kitchen.

"The telephone!" he interrupted.

"I heard it!" Excuse me!"

Dr. Gotzmag's astonished eyes followed him to the corner of the room where the telephone was installed. He had heard no sound from this instrument himself, but possibly English telephones worked in silence. Certainly his host had snatched off the receiver and was already holding an animated conversation.

"Yes—speaking—who?—the police! My God! No, no!—Yes, yes!—By Jingo—Not yes—no, I assure you—wait for half an hour!—I'll ring you up then."

He replaced the receiver and addressed his guest in a husky and urgent voice.

"Doctor, the police are on your track! They have heard of the forged passport. The lady you deserted has told them! They even suspect you are here. I have tried to reassure them, but they are hard to convince. However I have given you half an hour's start. Use it, my dear friend! Get back to the station as quick as you can. I'll undertake to keep them till the next train has gone. Hi! You've dropped your bookcase, doctor. Oh, I beg your pardon, I see it's your collar. Good-bye! Keep running as long as you can!"

The last words were shouted from the front doorstep. P.S. turned back to meet the cool gaze of the episcopally-trained table-maid.

"I—ah—have managed to get rid of the man," he explained. "You were quite right. He wasn't a gentleman. And—oh, by the way, Wilkinson, you needn't mention this incident to Mrs. Scabrette when she returns. It would only alarm her unnecessarily. The fellow will never come back."

(The End.)

SLIMMING IS ALSO FOR MEN

(Continued from Page 6.)

It is in the latter group that it has become—the fashion medically to prescribe what is known as a prophylactic diet. Prevention, particularly as applied to overweight, is always better than the cure.

What then are the general principles of a reducing dietary for men?

Three A Day

In the first place, meals must be reduced to three per day. Rich, savoury foods must be omitted; diet must be essentially simple in nature; while the sugary and starchy foods must be reduced to a minimum; potatoes must be regulated, sugar lessened in tea, coffee, and so on, and in the preparation of such dishes as stewed fruit.

And what about drink? you will say—

The scientific reason why doctors rebuke taking drinks with meals is because this has been proved to accelerate appreciably the rate at which food leaves the stomach. The feeling of satiety in consequence is considerably delayed, and the urge to consume further quantities is provoked.

It is better to drink before or after rather than actually with a meal, but for those who find this imposition too irksome, a small bulk of fluid, such as a wineglassful, may be counteracted.

Alcohol in Moderation
Alcohol of course must be drunk in moderation.

For hunger sensations, drink plenty of water. Walk a reasonable amount each day, get plenty of sleep, and avoid worry.

For cold dressing use mineral instead of olive oil, and lemon and ginger for flavouring. Use condiments as desired.

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UNDER APPLICATION

London, To-day.
In reply to a Parliamentary question regarding the continuation of the tramp shipping subsidy Dr. Leslie Burgin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, announced that, as a result of a detailed examination of the operation of the subsidy, the Government are satisfied it has brought about a distinct improvement in British tramp shipping and in the employment of British officers and seamen, not only by direct effects but also as a result of the measures of co-operation which the subsidy has enabled shipowners to introduce. In the adverse circumstances which still persist, the withdrawal of the subsidy would endanger the continuance of those measures of co-operation and jeopardise the improvement which had been effected.

The Tramp Shipowners Committee have applied for a continuance of the subsidy and the Government have decided to ask Parliament to make available for a period of 12 months from January 1 next a further sum of £2,000,000 on the same general terms and conditions as before. — British Wireless Service.

POLITICS IN BRITAIN

Debate On Address
Resumed

LIBERAL AMENDMENT
DEFEATED

London, To-day.

The debate on the Address in reply to the King's Speech was resumed in the House of Commons on a Liberal amendment moved by Mr. Graham White, who along with subsequent speakers laid stress on the necessity of initiating international co-operation for the progressive reduction of obstacles to trade.

The Minister of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood, replied for the Government. He said that in the first six months of 1935 exports to foreign countries with which trade agreements were in operation were greater by over £7,500,000, or 17 per cent. more than in the first half of 1933, when these agreements were not in operation. The British adverse balance of payments had been wiped out, and they had again become the foremost exporters of manufactured goods in the world.

He claimed that the Government's housing policy had had a profound effect on unemployment, and building generally, particularly house building, was now providing employment on a scale hitherto unknown. The Government were giving prominence to an ordered plan for the improvement of the social and public health services. The Liberal amendment was defeated by 350 votes to 143. — British Wireless Service.

**SMALL CHILD SOLD
FOR \$2.20!**

Woman Fined \$200

Shin Mui and Wong Kam, married women, were this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy with taking part in the transaction for the sale of a female child, Li Mui, aged one year, at No. 1 Whitfield on September 2.

The first defendant was fined \$200, in default three months' hard labour, while the second defendant was bound over in a personal bond of \$100 to be of good behaviour for one year.

Inspector K. Andrews of the S.C.A. said that the first defendant bought the child from its mother and resold it a few days later to the second defendant. The child was noticed by the mother later in the company of the second defendant, and she notified the Police. The first defendant had paid \$2.20 for the child and sold it for \$100, and had pretended



Chubby Norman Chaney (above) is in his Baltimore home, afflicted with a mysterious glandular ailment which has made him helpless and has ended his movie career as a member of "Our Gang."

H.K. BREWERS AND DISTILLERS TO BE WOUND UP

Appointment Of
Liquidator

COMPANY VICTIM OF
U.S. SILVER POLICY

At an extraordinary meeting of the Hong Kong Brewers and Distillers, Ltd., presided over by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. S. H. Dodwell, and held at No. 7, Duddell Street this morning, two resolutions were adopted, firstly that the Company be wound up voluntarily; secondly, that Mr. S. T. Butlin, of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, be appointed liquidator for the purpose of the winding up.

In his speech the Chairman spoke of the adverse conditions obtaining when the Company had been floated, mainly violent fluctuations in currency and unfavourable exchange rates. At an earlier meeting it was decided to send out a circular asking for subscribers to a further issue of shares to the amount of \$200,000, but as this had met with little response the Board had no alternative but to consider the voluntary winding up of the Company. Supporting the Chairman were the following directors: Sir William Shenton, Mr. W. G. Robertson, Mr. J. H. Euteneier, Managing Director, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, representing Sir Elly Kadoorie, and Mrs. E. M. Barrett, Secretary, Mr. J. Russell and Mr. G. Felslow represented the general body of shareholders.

Chairman's Speech

The Chairman, Mr. S. H. Dodwell said: "As you are aware, a private meeting of shareholders was held on November 27 to consider a proposal to reduce the Company's capital and make a further issue of shares to the amount of \$200,000. A circular was also sent round to all shareholders asking them to what extent they would be prepared to subscribe to the new issue. The response to this circular was almost negligible, and the proposal was turned down at the meeting. The Board, therefore, had no alternative but to call an extraordinary meeting of shareholders to consider the voluntary winding up of the Company. We are now met for that purpose.

"The position of the Company, as I explained at our last annual meeting and again at our private meeting, is due largely to circumstances over which we had no control. Thanks to violent fluctuations in our currency, we had the misfortune to pay for our plant at an exchange of 11½, shortly before England's abandonment of the gold standard automatically raised the rate of 1/3d.

Prices Forced Down
"We commenced marketing our beer when exchange was favourable, but just as we were getting into our stride, America's silver policy drove exchange up to so high a level, that not only had our prices for the local market to be reduced to an unprofitable

that the child was born. The second defendant had acted in good faith. She was a fit wife, and had no issue. She was respectable and at present at work, while the mother of the child was very poor, with a large family, and received no support from her husband.

AERODROME NEAR TUNGCHUTZE

Constructed By
Japanese

LOCAL CHINESE PROTEST
DISREGARDED

Nanking, To-day.
In connection with the construction of a new military aerodrome in the vicinity of Tungchutze by the Japanese troops on November 24 in disregard of the protest of the local authorities, it is learned that both the Military Affairs Commission and the Executive Yuan have received identical reports from the military authorities in Peiping.

It is said that the Central authorities are considering an appropriate measure to deal with this matter. — Central News Agency.

MR. HSIAO IN TEARS

Strong Feeling About
China's Troubles

Canton, To-day.

When discussing the North China situation with a journalist friend yesterday Mr. Hsiao Fuchen, veteran Kuomintang leader, was so emotional that he burst into tears.

The concessions have so pained Mr. Hsiao that he has been laid up with a temperature of 102 degrees F. He was better to-day after being treated by Dr. Huang Shang-sai, a Hong Kong practitioner.

Among those who called to enquire after the health of Mr. Hsiao was General Chen Chi-tang, Commander-in-Chief of the 1st group army. — Union News.

point to compete with imported beer, but our plans for export business were frustrated.

"America's silver policy has had the further effect of, temporarily at any rate, driving China and Hong Kong off a silver basis, and it may well be that, in the future, exchange conditions in the Colony will be more favourable to industrial undertakings, both from the point of view of the lower level and the absence of violent fluctuation.

"In the meantime unhappily, including depreciation and interest, the Company lost 3 lakhs of dollars on their working for two years and their overdraft with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank has reached \$1,100,000 at which point the Bank, not unnaturally, intimated that they required a substantial reduction to be made in it. The directors therefore, in face of the unfavourable response to the proposed new issue, are satisfied that it is not possible for the Company to carry on any longer, and it is therefore proposed that it be voluntarily wound up and that Mr. Butlin of Messrs. Linstead and Davis be appointed Liquidator.

No Alternative

"Needless to say the Board deplore the necessity for recommending that this step be taken, but the present state of the Company's affairs leaves them no option in the matter. Upon the announcement of the calling of this meeting a Receiver was appointed by the Debenture Holders, and so far as it is possible to do so, steps will be taken to endeavour to arrange that, in the event of some form of reconstruction taking place, an opportunity will be given to present shareholders of participating in it."

Resolutions Adopted

The Chairman then moved the adoption of the following extraordinary resolutions, which were seconded by Sir William Shenton:—
(1)—That it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Company that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1932.

(2)—That Mr. S. T. Butlin of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants, be hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up. After the meeting a private meeting of the creditors was held.

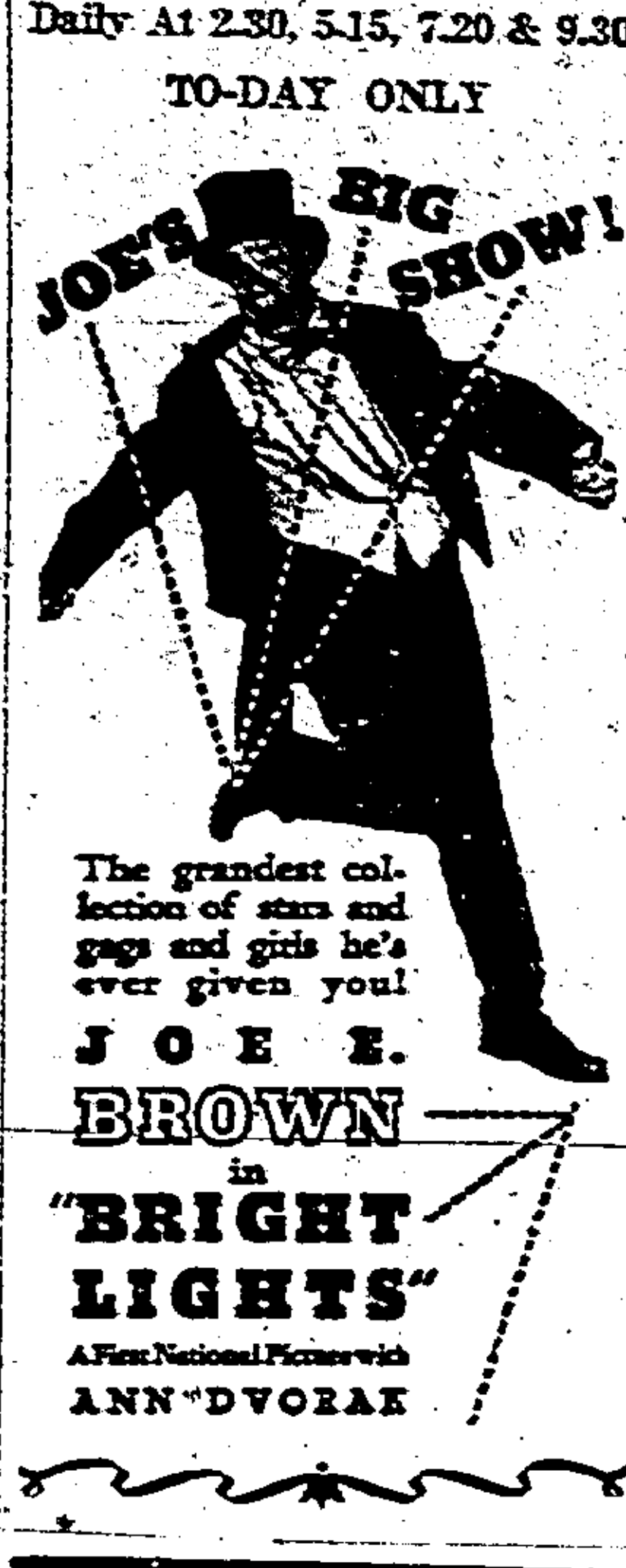
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